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68 Die in Baghdad Reprisals

Civil war looms as sectarian violence continues to spread

BAGHDAD, IRAQ | Sunnis and Shiites traded bomb attacks and mortar fire against mainly religious targets in Baghdad well into the night Tuesday, killing at least 68 people a day after authorities lifted a curfew that had briefly calmed a series of sectarian reprisal attacks.

The surge of violence deepened the trauma of residents already shaken by fears the country was teetering on the brink of sectarian civil war, threatened talks among Iraqi politicians struggling to form a gov-

ernment and raised questions about U.S. plans to begin drawing down troop strength this summer.

Iraq began to seriously tilt toward outright civil war after the Wednesday bombing of the important Shiite Askariya shrine in the mainly Sunni city of Samarra, 95 miles north of Baghdad.

In congressional testimony, National Intelligence Director John Negroponte said a civil war in Iraq could lead to a broader conflict in the Middle East, pitting the region's



Negroponte

Sunni and Shiite powers against one another.

The day's bloodiest attack came when a suicide bomber detonated an explosives vest packed with ball bearings among people lined up to buy kerosine at a crowded filling station in

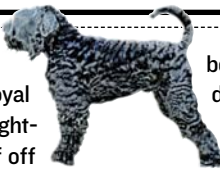
east Baghdad. The bomber killed 23 people and wounded 51, leaving behind the charred and twisted remains of wheeled carts customers had used to transport fuel canisters to the station. STEVEN R. HURST (AP)

Sympathetic Court Greets Anna Nicole



WIDOW'S WALK: Ex-Playboy Playmate Anna Nicole Smith pushes aside photographers as she enters the Supreme Court on Tuesday. Justices appeared ready to side with Smith in her 11-year battle for a piece of her late husband's oil fortune. ♦ **Family feud:** Smith faces off with her late husband's son | Page 4

CHOMPERS | Blinger Spaniel A dentist in Bosnia gave his Russian terrier, Atos, a gold tooth for being such a loyal pet, the Press Association reported. Milan Vujnovic says the eight-month-old dog is grateful for the present and often shows it off



because it knows the \$175 tooth is unique. "He is so intelligent and disciplined, so I decided to award him with the golden dental cap," Milan Vujnovic said, adding he's not worried about Atos being kidnapped for the tooth. (EXPRESS) **EyeOpeners** | Page 2

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SOLUTIONS

Kids Shouldn't Buy Toilet Paper, Either

Police in Picton, Australia, have asked supermarkets and grocers to stop selling eggs to children, part of an effort to cut incidents of vandalism, the Daily Telegraph reported. Some managers of stores say they understand the intent, but don't want to prevent parents from being able to send their children to the store for them. "There is a problem in town, definitely. We will certainly support the police in what they are trying to do," Robert Khan, a supermarket manager, said. (EXPRESS)



DISCIPLINE

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Education legislation in the United Kingdom would allow schools to send parents of disobedient students to weekend detention with them, the Sun reported. While the youngsters

would take extra lessons, the parents would be lectured for two hours on parenting techniques. The bill states that teachers would have the legal right to detain students on any day they choose regardless of whether the parents agree or not, and also, legally, be allowed to mandate that parents attend parent-teacher meetings. (EXPRESS)



BOB CHILD/AP

LORDWARE

Holy Sheet

The Bible says Christ will come again to judge the living and the dead. Thomas Haley figures he may be starting with Hardy's Hardware shoppers in Manchester, Conn., now that they've found this sheet-metal Jesus (cool band name alert!) Christ likeness at the store while unloading a truck. Haley and a co-worker are, what else, selling it on eBay. (EXPRESS)

ABSTRACT ART

Mona Lisa's Smiling At Great Mint Flavor

The Detroit Institute of Arts is stuck with repairing a painting worth \$1.5 million: It has to remove a stain left by a wad of gum stuck on the painting Friday by a visitor. Museum officials said a boy took the gum out of his mouth and stuck it on Helen Frankenthaler's 1963 abstract painting "The Bay." The gum left a stain the size of a quarter. Museum experts are researching the chemicals in the gum to decide how to clean the painting. The boy's school director said the boy had been suspended. (AP)



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—Sen. Robert Byrd, saying he regrets voting to approve the USA Patriot Act in 2001.



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In Brief

NEW YORK Lawyer: U.S. Settles With Man Held for 1 Year After 9/11

The U.S. government has agreed to pay \$300,000 to an Egyptian man who sued after he was detained for nearly a year following the Sept. 11 attacks, his lawyer said. The settlement was filed Monday in federal court in Brooklyn, said attorney Haeyoung Yoon, who represents Ehab Elmaghraby. She said she believed it was the first settlement involving claims from people detained after Sept. 11. (AP)

WASHINGTON FDA Approves Patch for Adults With Depression

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration approved a new delivery system for a drug to treat depression in adults. The agency approved a patch by New York-based Bristol-Myers Squibb Co. and Somerset Pharmaceuticals Inc., the companies announced Tuesday. (AP)

BIRMINGHAM, ALA. Underground Explosions Shake Evacuated Coal Mine

More underground explosions have rocked Alabama's largest coal mine since a blast last week forced the evacuation of scores of workers. No one has been hurt in any of the blasts, and the government said the severity of the explosions was unknown since the mine remains too dangerous for anyone to enter. (AP)

Revelers Revive Mardi Gras Spirit

Parades snake through parts of New Orleans devastated by Katrina

NEW ORLEANS | The crowds were small and the costumes wickedly satirical as Mardi Gras built toward its rowdy climax Tuesday in this hurricane-buckled city that could use a few laughs.

The culmination of the eight-day pre-Lenten bash fell nearly six months to the day after the Aug. 29 storm that smashed thousands of homes and killed more than 1,300 people, the vast majority of them in New Orleans.

Even amid the typical debauchery — including early morning drinking, flashes of bare breasts and skimpy costumes in the French Quarter — there was no escaping reminders of the storm.

Zulu, the 97-year-old Mardi Gras club, or krewe, that lost 10 members to Katrina, paraded amid homes that still bear dirty brown water marks from the floodwaters that



ZULUS RIDE ON: Members of Zulu Krewe ride their Mardi Gras floats down Canal Street past revelers in downtown New Orleans on Tuesday. Ten members of the Zulu club were killed when Hurricane Katrina devastated the area in late August.

covered 80 percent of the city.

Mayor Ray Nagin, wearing a black beret and camouflage uniform, portrayed cigar-chomping Gen. Russell Honore, the military man who led the first big relief con-

voy into the city.

"It's been absolutely — I don't know how to describe it — great," Nagin said of the party. "Katrina did a lot of bad things. But it has done something to give New

Orleanians a fresh love for their city."

MARY FOSTER (AP)

Mardi Gras revelry See the best photographs from this year's celebration at washingtonpost.com/nation

HEARSAY | PORTS IN A STORM



"If the investigation proves to be a charade ... then the bipartisan legislation that we introduced yesterday will pass ... like a hot knife through butter."

—SEN. CHARLES SCHUMER, D-N.Y.
ON LAWMAKERS' FEELINGS ABOUT AN INVESTIGATION INTO A DUBAI-BASED FIRM THAT COULD ASSUME OPERATIONS OF SIX U.S. PORTS

Judge Rules for Deported Cubans

MIAMI | A federal judge ruled Tuesday that the U.S. government acted unreasonably when it sent home 15 Cubans who thought they had safely made it to the United States when their boat reached an abandoned bridge in the Florida

Keys.

U.S. District Judge Federico Moreno ordered the federal government to make its best effort to help the immigrants return to the United States. Under the federal government's long-standing "wet-foot, dry-foot" policy, Cubans who reach U.S. soil are generally allowed to stay, while those stopped at sea are sent back. (AP)

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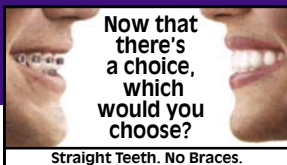
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Victory for Abortion Foes

Supreme Court rules extortion laws can't bar protests at clinics

WASHINGTON | A 20-year-old legal fight over protests outside abortion clinics ended Tuesday with the Supreme Court ruling that federal extortion and racketeering laws cannot be used against demonstrators.

The 8-0 decision was a setback for abortion clinics that were buoyed when the 7th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals kept their case alive two years ago despite the high court's

2003 ruling that had cleared the way for lifting a nationwide injunction on anti-abortion leader Joseph Scheidler and others.



Breyer

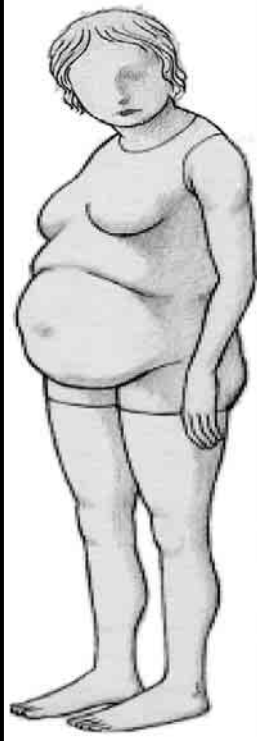
Anti-abortion groups appealed to the justices after the lower court sought to determine whether the injunction could be supported by findings that protesters had made threats of violence.

In Tuesday's ruling, Justice Stephen Breyer said Congress did

not create "a freestanding physical violence offense" in the federal extortion law known as the Hobbs Act.

Instead, Breyer wrote, Congress addressed violence outside abortion clinics in 1994 by passing the Freedom of Access to Clinic Entrances Act, which allows for court injunctions to set limits for such protests.

Kim Gandy, president of the National Organization for Women, said the decision was disappointing because the injunction had decreased violence outside clinics nationally. TONI LOCY (AP)



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JUXTAPOSED: Bill Manning, left, sits bundled against the wind as he watches spring breakers, from foreground right, Amanda Grudzien, Nikki Moskwa and Mike Rochowiak, walk down Daytona Beach, Fla., on Tuesday.

14 Inmates Hurt In More Fighting At L.A. Prison

LOS ANGELES | Black and Hispanic inmates brawled Tuesday in a new round of racial violence in Los Angeles County's jails, authorities said. Fourteen inmates were reported injured.

Guards used tear gas, rubber "stingballs" and pepperballs to quell the fighting among more than 90 inmates at the North County Correctional Facility in Castaic, said sheriff's spokesman Steve Whitmore.

One inmate was hospitalized with head cuts, Whitmore said. (AP)

Justices Hear Ex-Playmate's Case

Smith's claims on late husband's estate go before Supreme Court

WASHINGTON | The Supreme Court appeared ready Tuesday to bless Playboy Playmate Anna Nicole Smith's pursuit of a piece of her late husband's oil fortune.

The court waded into an 11-year family feud over the estate of J. Howard Marshall II, who died at age 90 after a brief marriage to Smith. The case is dominated by themes of sex, greed and deception.

Marshall's youngest son, E. Pierce Marshall, claims that he is the sole heir and that Smith's legal fight is dead, because she lost in a Texas probate court.

Justices appeared unwilling to buy that.

Breyer said there was evidence that the will was forged and that the son hired private detectives to keep Smith away from her elderly husband's sick bed. She was a 26-



Smith

year-old topless dancer, divorced with a son, when she and Marshall were married. She contends that he promised her half his estate, valued at around \$1.6 billion.

G. Eric Brunstad Jr., the lawyer for the son, said that a Texas court investigated her claims during a five-month trial and rejected them. He said that Smith had no grounds to bring a separate claim in federal court in California.

He faced tough comments from the justices who seemed hesitant to limit the federal courts' reach.

GINA HOLLAND (AP)

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The tunnel advertising program is just one of a series of initiatives Metro announced two years ago as a way to generate additional revenue through advertising. Each tunnel ad will generate a minimum of \$200,000 per year, which will be used to help fund customer service improvements. Metro expects to have the initial equipment in place by early April.

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A GOOD READ: What sets apart students who are ready for college from the rest is an ability to comprehend sophisticated texts, says a study from the makers of the ACT test.

Terror Suspect Denied Bail

**Man arrested in Ohio
charged with plotting
against U.S. military**

CLEVELAND | A federal magistrate ordered a man with dual U.S.-Jordanian citizenship held without bail Tuesday on charges he plotted with two co-defendants to wage attacks against American and allied troops.

Prosecutors argued that Mohammad Zaki Amawi should not be released because of the risk of harm to the community or the

chance that he would flee the country. He has family in Jordan and regularly traveled overseas, prosecutors said.

Amawi's attorney, Dennis Terez, said there was no threat that his client would flee and that Amawi's family living in Toledo had agreed to share their home with him.

Amawi, who was arrested in Amman, Jordan, was charged



Amawi

last week along with Wassim I. Mazloun, 24, and Marwan Othman El-Hindi, 43. All three lived in Toledo within the last year. They have pleaded not guilty.

The government accuses them of plotting to kill U.S. soldiers overseas and of harboring or concealing terrorists.

An indictment says they traveled together to a shooting range to practice and studied the making of explosives. It alleges that at least one of the men researched and tried to obtain government grants and private funding for the training. (AP)

**Connecticut OKs
Venezuelan Oil
As Heating Fuel**

HARTFORD, CONN. | Connecticut has given social service agencies permission to supply low-income residents with discounted heating oil from Venezuela, whose energy aid program for the needy has rankled the Bush administration.

The state Department of Social Services began notifying the nonprofit agencies Monday after Attorney General Richard Blumenthal ruled that the Venezuelan oil program is legal, said David McDonald, spokesman for the Connecticut Association for Community Action, a coalition of the private nonprofit groups.

Venezuela, the fifth-largest foreign supplier of oil to the U.S., has been supplying millions of gallons of heating oil at a 40 percent discount to poor Americans and free heating fuel to homeless shelters. (AP)

HEARSAY | HABITS

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Student Chris Ortega, left, leads a procession around the site of Ave Maria University near Immokalee, Fla. in March 2004. The school's founder now wants to build a town.

**Pizza Chain Founder
Plans Catholic Town**

Florida city would ban pornography, abortions and contraceptives

NAPLES, FLA. | If Domino's Pizza founder Thomas S. Monaghan has his way, a new town being built in a quiet corner of southwest Florida will be governed by strict Roman Catholic principles, particularly when it comes to sex.

The pizza magnate, raised by nuns in orphanages, is bankrolling the town called Ave Maria with millions of dollars, calling its construction "God's will." Stores won't sell pornographic magazines, pharmacies won't carry condoms or birth

control pills, and cable television will carry no X-rated channels.

Civil libertarians say the plans are unconstitutional and promise lawsuits.

The town is being constructed around Ave Maria University, which Monaghan also founded. Both are set to open next year about 25 miles west of Naples. The community will encircle a massive church and what planners call the largest crucifix in the nation, nearly 65 feet tall.

But American Civil Liberties Union of Florida executive director Howard Simon points to a 1946 Supreme Court opinion that "ownership does not always mean absolute dominion." BRIAN SKOLOFF (AP)



BOTTLENECK: Local media report that thrifty Belgians are causing a headache for Dutch supermarkets by gathering large numbers of plastic Coca-Cola bottles and bringing them to the Netherlands — where the bottles earn a \$0.30 deposit for being returned.

World

In Brief

BUDAPEST, HUNGARY

Putin Optimistic on Future Of Iranian Nuclear Proposal

Russia's president said Tuesday that he is optimistic that his country will strike an agreement with Iran over its disputed nuclear program. An Iranian delegation is expected to arrive in Moscow on Wednesday for discussions on a proposal to enrich uranium for Iran on Russian territory to ensure the nuclear fuel cannot be diverted for atomic bombs. "We are optimists," Vladimir Putin said. "It's quite possible for us to reach an agreement on the establishment of a joint venture on Russian territory to enrich uranium for Iranian nuclear energy needs." (AP)



Putin

NEW DELHI

Maoist Rebel Attack on Trucks Kills 24, Injures 32

Suspected Maoist militants Tuesday attacked a group of trucks jammed with passengers in central India, killing 24 people and injuring 32 more, a police official said. The militants stopped the three trucks near the town of Darbhaguda in rural Chhattisgarh state, said Girdhari Naik, a state inspector general of police, blowing up one truck and setting fire to the other two. (AP)

MEXICO CITY

Hotel That Kicked Out Cubans May Be Shut Down

City officials moved Tuesday to shut down a major, U.S.-owned hotel that angered many Mexicans when it kicked out a Cuban delegation under pressure from Washington. Virginia Jaramillo Flores, head of the city borough where the Sheraton Maria Isabel Hotel is located, said authorities notified the hotel staff that it would be closed because it is in violation of building codes. (AP)



BY THE NUMBERS: The Peace Corps is marking its 45th anniversary this month. More than 182,000 U.S. volunteers have served in 138 countries through the program.

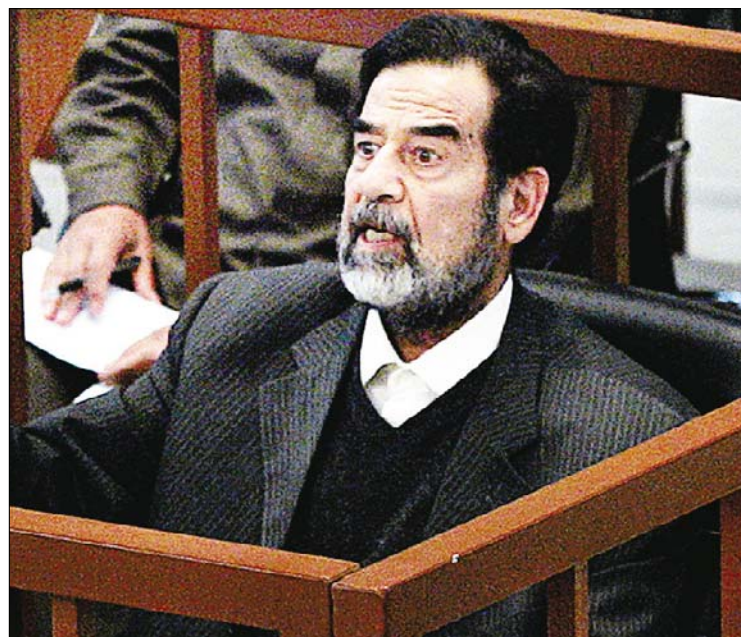
Orders Said to Tie Saddam to Killings

Prosecutors offer execution list allegedly signed by ousted leader

BAGHDAD, IRAQ | Prosecutors presented documents Tuesday they said show Saddam Hussein approved executions of more than 140 Shiites in the 1980s, the most direct evidence yet against the former Iraqi leader in his four-month trial. Among those sentenced to hang was an 11-year-old boy.

The most significant document featured a signature said to be Saddam's on a court list of people to be executed, though it was not clear he was aware of their ages.

About 50 of those sentenced died during interrogation before they could go to the gallows. One man, his brother and two sons were



BACK IN COURT: Saddam Hussein speaks to the judge at his trial in Baghdad on Tuesday. The session was one of the most orderly since the proceedings began.

executed by mistake, and Saddam allegedly ordered them declared "martyrs" to cover up the error.

Saddam and seven other members of the former regime are on trial for the deaths of some 148 Shiites in a crackdown launched after a 1982 attempt to assassinate the former Iraqi leader in the town of Dujail. They face death by hanging if convicted.

Tuesday's session was one of the most orderly since the trial began in October. The defense team gave up on a boycott of the tribunal and attended the session, though the chief judge rejected their demand that he step down.

Also, Saddam and several other defendants have ended a hunger strike started Feb. 12, two days before the last trial session, a defense lawyer said Sunday. (AP)

Fresh Rioting Breaks Afghan Prison Truce

KABUL, AFGHANISTAN | A spasm of violence broke a fragile truce at Kabul's main prison Tuesday as rioting inmates tried to push down a gate and police fired on them, killing one and wounding three, officials said.

Outside the jail, women beat the ground as their children wailed, fearful that loved ones in the facility have been killed in the three-day standoff.

"Oh, my son, are you alive?" cried 60-year-old Zubaida Gul.

At least five inmates have been killed and 41 wounded since the uprising began late Saturday. Police blame some 350 Taliban and al Qaeda detainees for inciting the riot.

The two sides agreed to a truce late Monday, but the deal collapsed 24 hours later over a demand by the authorities that the inmates move to another wing of the lockup, said Abdul Halik, a police commander in the prison.

The inmates refused, saying conditions in the new block were no better than the current one. They then



Women in Kabul wait for news Tuesday of relatives kept in the prison.

tried to break down a gate leading into a courtyard where hundreds of police and soldiers have taken up positions, he said.

Security forces opened fire, killing an inmate and wounding three others until the prisoners, armed with knives and clubs, withdrew, the commander said. Dozens of police reinforcements rushed to the prison, but the fighting was over within minutes. AMIR SHAH (AP)

Cat Dies of Bird Flu in Germany

BERLIN | A cat found dead in northern Germany tested positive for H5N1, officials said, becoming the first infected mammal in continental Europe, as scientists confirmed more new cases of bird flu from Russia to Slovenia.

The cat was found over the weekend on the Island of Ruegen, where more than 100 wild birds have tested positive for H5N1, said Thomas Mettenleiter, head of Germany's Friedrich Loeffler Institute. The cat is believed to have eaten part of an infected bird, following a pattern of disease transmission seen in big cats in Asia, the institute said Tuesday. (AP)



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START IT UP: The Rolling Stones will play their first concert in China in April, Chinese promoters said Tuesday, three years after canceling a pair of shows because of the SARS outbreak. The band will play Shanghai's Grand Stage, an 8,000-seat venue.

World

Local Poll Stirs Little Hope

Poor South Africans still lack basic services despite campaign vows

CAPE TOWN, SOUTH AFRICA | Nomthunzi Naphakade's mood switches between anger, shame and resignation as she surveys the shack she shares with her mother, sister, brother and two young children.

The roof of the two-room tin and cardboard structure leaks in the rain and its walls shake in the wind. There is no running water or electricity.

Naphakade says she has seen little improvement in conditions during the 25 years she has lived in Cape Town's Crossroads settlement. And she holds out little hope of change any time soon despite the



The number of South African families living in shacks has risen 26 percent.

pledges of candidates in local elections Wednesday.

Improving basic services has become a key campaign issue as millions of poor South Africans still wait for the better life promised at apartheid's end.

The number of households living in shacks nationwide rose from 1.45 million to 1.84 million since

the country's first all-race elections in 1994 — a 26 percent increase, according to Housing Ministry figures. This was despite the government spending nearly \$4.5 billion to build about 1.8 million new homes in just under 12 years.

The governing African National Congress has made service delivery and a clampdown on corrupt councilors the central elections campaign theme. So has the opposition Democratic Alliance, which has run vitriolic ads criticizing the ANC's record.

Many traditional ANC supporters — like Beauty Nazo — say they are too disillusioned to vote.

"We are sick and tired," Nazo said. "They keep on promising heaven and earth during elections and then disappear afterward."

CLARE NULLIS (AP)

BRAZIL | CARNIVAL MAGIC



PARTY PLUME: A dancer performs on a float in Rio de Janeiro during the Samba parade on Tuesday — the centerpiece of Brazil's carnival celebration. On Wednesday, judges will pick a parade champion from Rio's 14 top-tier samba groups, known locally as "schools." The popular parade takes place in front of a 70,000-strong stadium crowd and is also shown live on television.

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Money

Stern Sued Over Contract

CBS files suit against shock jock, cites use of air time to tout Sirius

NEW YORK | CBS Corp.'s radio division sued Howard Stern Tuesday, claiming its former star shock jock breached his contract with them when he moved to Sirius Satellite Radio Inc.

The lawsuit, which also names Sirius and Stern's agent as defendants, claims Stern improperly used CBS radio's air time to promote his new show with Sirius, which began last month. CBS also claims Stern discussed his plans with Sirius without disclosing them to CBS as required under his contract.

Even before the lawsuit was filed, Stern tried to upstage the action with a hastily arranged news conference in Manhattan Tuesday to strike first at his former employer.



At a news conference in New York, Howard Stern said CBS is trying to "bully" him.

Stern said the lawsuit was meritless, and said CBS was trying to "bully" him. He called the lawsuit a "personal vendetta" against him by CBS Chief Executive Officer Leslie Moonves, whom Stern said held a grudge against him.

CBS wants Stern, his agent, Don

Buchwald, and Sirius to return any financial benefits they received from using CBS radio's air time to promote Sirius, including the value of a tranche of Sirius shares that Stern and Buchwald received early for exceeding a target for subscriber increases. SETH SUTEL (AP)

Apple Unveils iPod Stereo, Mac Mini

CUPERTINO, CALIF. | Reaching further into living rooms, Apple Computer Inc. on Tuesday introduced a speaker system for its iPod music players and a revamped Mac Mini computer that will let users access music, video and photos

across their home networks.

The new Mac Mini looks much like its previous incarnations but is the first to include Intel Corp. chips. Apple said the \$599 model that has a single-core chip operates up to three times faster than

its predecessor.

With the \$349 iPod Hi-Fi system, users can dock their portable players into the speakers and use a remote control to operate it. That means there's no longer a need for a cabinet full of CDs, Apple chief Steve Jobs said during a presentation at company headquarters. (AP)

Market Action

New York Stock Exchange

Gainers

STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	DAILY PERCENT CHANGE
Intrawt g	31.84	+2.72	+9.3
Applica h	2.07	+1.17	+8.9
MetPro s	13.58	+1.88	+6.9
Sherwin	45.55	+2.96	+6.9
MarvellE	18.52	+1.99	+5.6

Losers

ChiYuc	7.17	-1.59	-18.2
KingPhrm	16.25	-3.62	-18.2
Hospira	39.70	-7.34	-15.6
GpoTMM A	4.48	-1.74	-14.2
Dycom	21.35	-2.90	-12.0

Rates

	CURRENT	PREVIOUS WEEK
Prime Rate	7.50	7.50
Fed Funds close	4.5625	4.50
3-month disc	4.51	4.45
2-year	4.68	4.70
10-year	4.55	4.57
30-year	4.51	4.53

NASDAQ Stock Market

Gainers

STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	DAILY PERCENT CHANGE
Bitstrm	8.05	+2.22	+38.1
Everlast	16.42	+2.43	+17.3
FiberNet rs	2.25	+1.29	+15.0
Reinhold s	9.50	+1.10	+13.1
MercerIns	18.60	+2.10	+12.7

Losers

GevityHR	25.18	-4.87	-16.2
ApolloG	49.38	-9.09	-15.5
PlugPower	5.09	-1.76	-13.0
MACC	2.75	-1.34	-11.0
ScalaGp	24.85	-3.05	-10.9

Currency (Dollars in foreign currency)

	TODAY	PREVIOUS DAY	YEAR AGO
British Pound	.5703	.5747	.5203
Canadian Dollar	1.1360	1.1404	1.2332
European Euro	.8389	.8435	.7547
Japanese Yen	115.73	116.12	104.47
Mexican Peso	10.4670	10.4680	11.1020
Taiwanese Dollar	32.40	32.40	31.07

DOW	NASDAQ	S&P 500
-104.14	-25.79	-13.46
-0.94	-1.12	-1.04
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Media Stocks

STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	YEAR TO DATE PERCENT CHANGE
CBS B n	24.46	-.37	-4.1
ClearChan	28.30	+.03	-10.0
Comcast	26.83	-.01	+3.5
Comc sp	26.75	-.01	+4.1
DirectTV	15.76	-.04	+11.6
Disney	27.99	-.39	+16.8
Gannett	62.16	-.63	+2.6
LibertyMA	8.24	-.06	+4.7
McGrwH s	53.09	-1.22	+2.8
NewsCpA	16.28	+.02	+4.7
NewsCpB	17.15	+.01	+3.3
Thomson	38.23	-.42	+10.5
TimeWarn	17.31	...	-.7
ViacomB n	39.96	-.20	-2.9
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Local

Va. Kills Metro Funding Plan, Again

Lawmakers in House table sales tax plan for regional transit

RICHMOND, VA. | For the second time in a week, a House panel has killed legislation to provide millions of dollars for the Washington region's mass transit system. The House Finance Committee voted 10-7 Tuesday to table Sen. Mary Margaret Whipple's bill giving five Northern Virginia localities authority to boost their local option

sales tax rate by 0.25 percent. The increase would generate \$50 million annually if applied in the counties of Arlington and Fairfax and the cities of Alexandria, Falls Church and Fairfax. That would be Virginia's required share to match \$1.5 billion in federal money over 10 years that would be available under a bill



Whipple

U.S. Rep. Thomas M. Davis, R-Va., is sponsoring in Congress for upgrading the 30-year-old regional bus and subway system. Maryland and the District of Columbia would also have to come up with \$50 million each to match the federal funds. That would make a total of \$300 million a year available, allowing Metro to add cars to its heavily used rail system. Tuesday's vote by the full committee was by a wider ratio than its 6-5 defeat by a Finance subcommittee last week. Nevertheless, Finance

Committee Chairman Harry Parrish, R-Manassas, brought the bill before the full committee after Whipple, D-Arlington, agreed to revise it, applying the increase to the local portion of the sales tax, not the state sales tax. The amended measure would also have required the governing bodies of each of the five localities to hold public hearings before they increase the tax. The committee's majority Republicans, however, were not moved. BOB LEWIS (AP)

In Brief

WASHINGTON
Police Offering \$50K for Information on U St. Death
The reward for information in the killing of a man on U Street NW was doubled to \$50,000 Tuesday, as police appealed for the public's help in quickly finding the killer. Damon Ward, 33, of Arlington, was shot Sunday. Investigators said he was an innocent victim in a dispute between two groups over a parking space. A double-parked motorist blocking an open space was assaulted by people in a dark colored truck or sport utility vehicle, similar to a Cadillac Escalade. (AP)

ROCKVILLE, MD.
Montgomery Co. Ups Reward For Hate-Crime Tips to \$15K
A reward for information in a series of hate crimes tripled Tuesday with a large contribution from an anonymous donor. Montgomery County police said \$15,000 was available for anyone whose tip leads to an arrest or indictment in connection with five graffiti incidents. Two churches, two public schools and one historic school were vandalized with ethnic slurs and symbols in January. (AP)

Teenager Jailed for Kidnapping
Judge finds probable cause in abduction, bank robbery scheme

UPPER MARLBORO, MD. | A Prince George's County judge found probable cause Tuesday to hold a teenager in the kidnapping of a younger boy who was forced to rob a bank. Jeremiah Brown Hall, 17, of Landover, is also charged with false imprisonment and first and second degree assault. He remains jailed in lieu of \$300,000 bond.

The search continues for another suspect in the Feb. 8 case, in which police said Hall and the second man kidnapped a 14-year-old boy. The pair allegedly approached the youngster near the New Carrollton Metro station. One of the suspects told the boy he was being robbed and that Hall would shoot him in the face if he did not accompany them to the train station. A Prince George's County police detective testified that the victim said the second suspect wrote a note and handed it to him, saying he was going to rob a bank, where the victim handed a teller a note which read, "Give me all your money, no blow up money, or I will shoot someone." DERRILL HOLLY (AP)

WASHINGTON, D.C. | CAPITAL'S CIVIL WAR DEFENSES LISTED AS ENDANGERED



SURROUNDED BY THE CITY: A class from American University visits Fort Stevens, located off 13th Street NW in the District. The fort, attacked by Confederate forces in 1864, is part of a ring of 64 fortresses protecting the capital that has been listed as one of America's most-endangered Civil War sites, according to the Civil War Preservation Trust.

Teen Offers Different Account of Shooting
→ A teenager who was inside a Jeep fired upon by an Alexandria police officer says the officer was not directly in front of the Jeep when he began firing, disputing an initial police account of a fatal weekend shooting in the parking lot of a pancake house. | Today, Page A1



Lawmakers Close Keg Party Loophole

RICHMOND, VA. | Legislation prohibiting Virginians from serving alcoholic beverages to underage guests in their homes is on the way to Gov. Tim Kaine's desk. Without debate, the Senate unanimously passed the bill Tuesday. The House of Delegates had approved the bill without dissent on Feb. 10. The bill closes a loophole that some prosecutors and anti-drunken

driving activists say allows residents to serve alcohol to visitors regardless of age. The measure is aimed at curbing underage drinking at high school graduation parties and fraternity keg parties. The legislation makes an exception for adults serving alcohol to their children or to underage guests accompanied by a parent, guardian or spouse 21 or older. (AP)

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MARYLAND	
Mid-day Pick 3	3-3-1

Evening Pick 3	0-3-5
Mid-day Pick 4	1-1-9-4
Evening Pick 4	6-1-9-3
Match 5	04-14-28-31-34 Bonus: 01
VIRGINIA	
Mid-day Pick 3 (Tues.)	2-0-0
Evening Pick 3 (Mon.)	7-2-5
Mid-day Pick 4 (Tues.)	0-3-1-3
Evening Pick 4 (Mon.)	1-7-2-1
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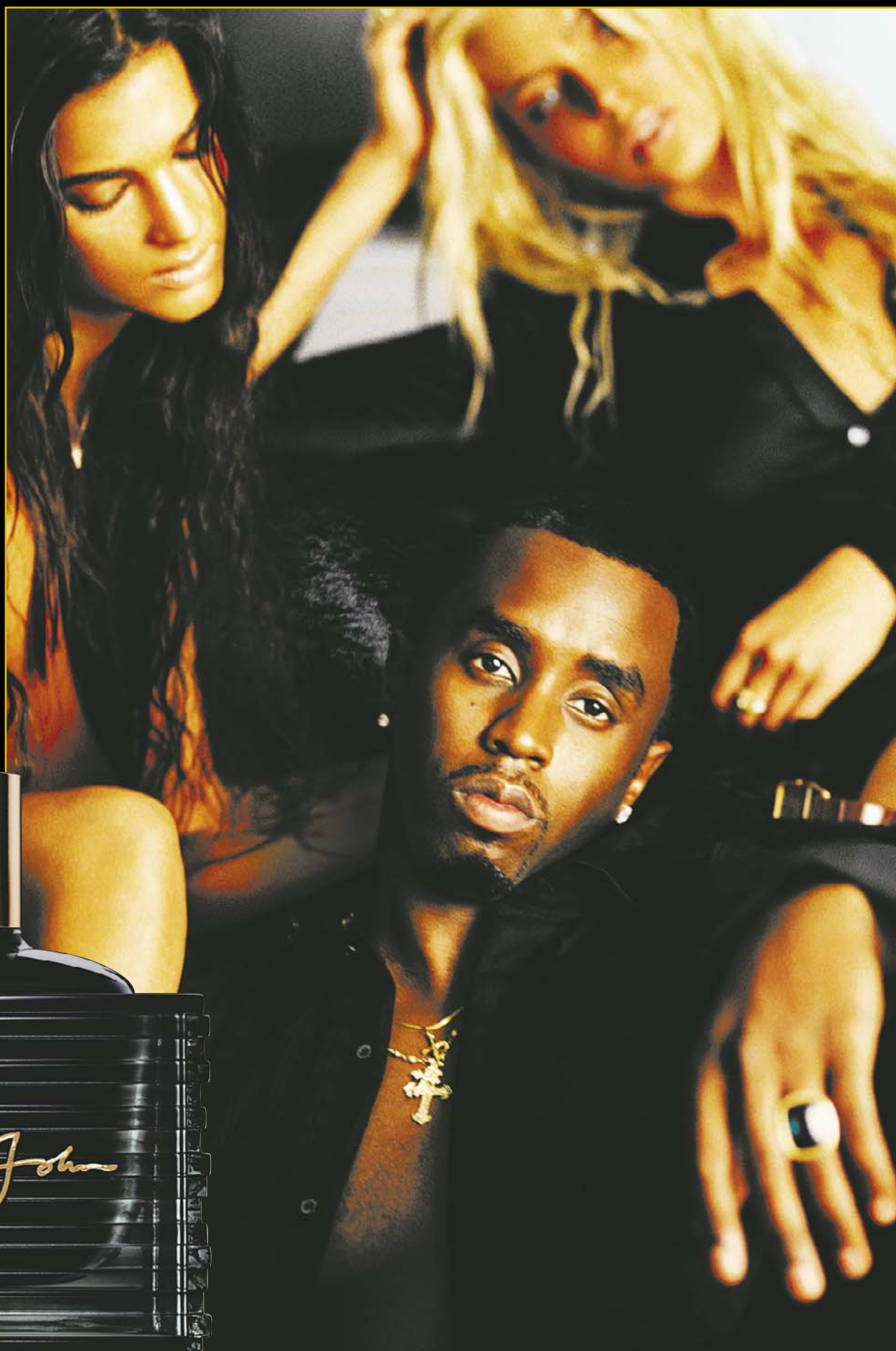
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FOR PETE'S SAKE: Pete Sampras is returning to the tennis court, signing up for the World Team Tennis Pro League more than three years after his last match — a victory over rival Andre Agassi in the final of the 2002 U.S. Open for his 14th major.

Sports

In Brief



Tim Hudson is taking over as Atlanta's ace in his second year with the club.

BASEBALL Hudson Replaces Smoltz As Opening-Day Starter

Tim Hudson will start opening day for the Atlanta Braves. The change in the rotation comes with the blessing of 2005 opening day starter John Smoltz, who says it's time to pass the honor to Hudson. "Huddy is opening day starter for the future here," Smoltz said. "As long as Huddy's here, he's going to start opening day. Huddy's the guy." (AP)

NBA Colangelo Heads to Toronto

Bryan Colangelo joined the Toronto Raptors as its president and general manager Tuesday, ready to leave his imprint on a new team after splitting with a club that didn't offer him a contract extension. Colangelo was introduced a day after he resigned as general manager and president of the Phoenix Suns — a team in which his father, Jerry Colangelo, is chairman and chief executive. (AP)



Colangelo

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COLLEGE HOOPS WSU's Bennett to Retire

Dick Bennett will retire as Washington State's basketball coach after the season and turn over the team to son Tony Bennett. The 62-year-old Bennett was hired in March 2003 to rebuild the Cougars and has said recently he most likely would retire after this season. With two games remaining, WSU has an 11-14 record (4-12 Pac-10). Bennett has a 36-46 record in three years at WSU. (AP)

Soriano, Vidro Out in Nats' Opener

Battle for second base will wait as Jackson to start vs. Kia Tigers

NATIONALS | Will it be Jose Vidro or Alfonso Soriano starting at second base when the Washington Nationals open their exhibition season on Wednesday?

The answer: neither.

Manager Frank Robinson's lineup for the game against the Kia Tigers from South Korea will be a mixture of backups, prospects

and regulars.

For the record, veteran utilityman Damian Jackson will start at second.

"We are playing a team we're not going to face anymore, so it's more like an intrasquad game," Robinson said in Viera, Fla. "We'll take an opportunity to look at some of the other players that are here in camp battling for a job. The second game here at home we'll have a pretty good team out there."

Robinson said Vidro is likely to

NATS NOTES

→ **Frank Robinson** made his first comments on **Pedro Astacio**, who agreed to terms with the Nats Monday. The deal is pending a physical and MRI on Wednesday. "He hopes to compete and show us he can be one of the starters," Robinson said. "It's good to have an individual who's had success — a veteran guy who knows how to pitch, knows how to get people out, knows how to pitch in tough situations."

start when the Nationals host the Pittsburgh Pirates on Thursday, the same day Soriano leaves to play for the Dominican Republic in the World Baseball Classic.

When Soriano returns from the tournament, Washington hopes he will be amenable to a switch to the outfield.

"[Soriano's] not playing because I didn't put him in the lineup," Robinson said. "We have other players to look at. So he's not going to play the first two days he's here." (AP)

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IDOL TIME: Dressed in drag portraying Paula Abdul of "American Idol," San Francisco Giants star slugger Barry Bonds, center, participates in a rookie hazing spoof of the hit television show beside his teammates on Tuesday in Scottsdale, Ariz. Usually surly in public, Bonds has seemed more open to the press during this spring training.

New Bird Enters Mix For Orioles

Richard Hidalgo hopes to salvage career and win spot in the outfield

ORIOLES | Richard Hidalgo arrived at the Orioles' spring training facility thinking about how his fortune had changed.

In 2000, Hidalgo seemed destined for stardom after batting .314 with 44 homers and 122 RBIs in his first full season with the Houston Astros. Since then, his stock has plummeted, leading the 30-year-old to accept a minor league contract with the Orioles on Sunday. He has to make the 25-man roster to earn a salary of \$1 million with incentives in 2006. He made \$5 million in 2005 and \$12.5 million the previous season.

"I think about that a lot," said Hidalgo. "That kind of contract, and you know what you can do, what you've done in the past — it's not easy. But I accept that. I'm just going to come here, do my best and show people I can play."

Hidalgo will compete for a spot in the Orioles' crowded outfield. While Jay Gibbons will start in right, the Orioles are unsettled in both center and left field, where Hidalgo, Jeff Conine, Kevin Millar, David Newhan and Nick Markakis are competing for at-bats. (AP)

Ties OK'd in World Baseball Classic

BASEBALL | World Baseball Classic games in the first two rounds will end tied if deadlocked after 14 innings, tournament organizers said Tuesday, an accommodation to fears of running out of pitchers.

U.S. Major League Baseball, which is staging the inaugural championship, already had announced lim-

its on pitch counts and mandatory rest periods for pitchers — bowing to U.S. MLB teams which worried about injuries while still amid their pre-season training. Tuesday's announcement came after those rules raised fears of teams exhausting their available players.

In addition, the tournament's


technical committee may suspend semifinal games after 14 innings if "pitcher availability for both teams would be substantially jeopardized by not suspending the game and pitcher availability would be substantially enhanced by resuming the game as a suspended game on the next day."

Ties will count as half a win and half a loss in determining a team's winning percentage. (AP)

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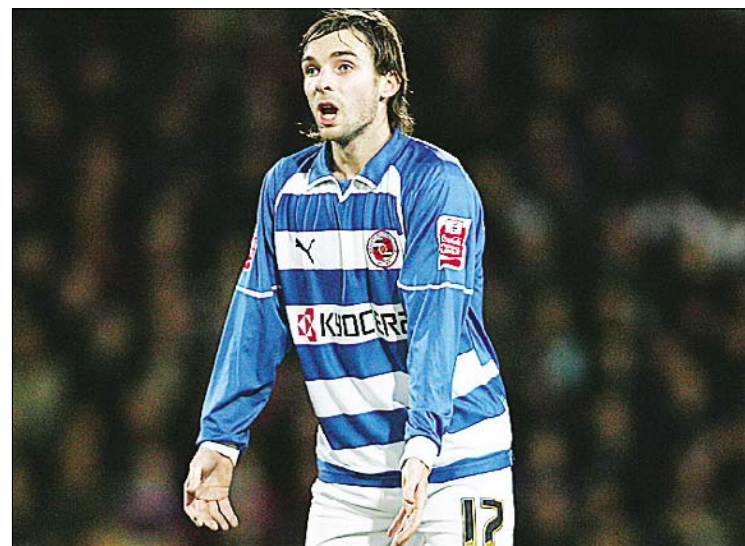
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STUDY ABROAD: Midfielder Bobby Convey, formerly a key player on D.C. United, has scored four goals for the British team Reading in his second year with the club.

American Convey Fits In With British Squad

Ex-D.C. United star is finding his niche for Reading this season

SOCCER | Bobby Convey finally got to play in England on the basis of three videos. Now he's on the highlight packages as Reading heads for the Premier League for the first time.

The 22-year-old midfielder has had a standout season for the Royals and hopes that carries over to the World Cup. But it's taken awhile for Convey to adjust to life in England after moving from D.C. United in July 2004.

"Bobby's been a slow burn," Reading manager Steve Coppell said. "He sort of struggled with our mentality a bit and, in the summer, he sat himself down and put to himself the target of being a regular player and he's done that."

Convey made his international

debut in 2001 when he was 17 and the same year became at the time the youngest scorer in MLS. He can play in defense or midfield and has scored four goals for Reading this season.

He also has one goal for the U.S. national team in 34 appearances going into Wednesday night's exhibition game against Poland at Kaiserslautern's Fritz-Walter-Stadion — when the Americans play Italy in the first round of the World Cup on June 17.

Convey has started in all of Reading's 36 league games this season. Last season, he managed four starts and appearances as a sub.

"I got the chance to play," he said. "I wasn't any different last year than to this year. I know we both speak English, but it's two different cultures. There was a little adjustment period. This year, I knew everyone and felt comfortable and it's gone well." **KRYSTYNA RUDZKI (AP)**

In NFL Talks, no Progress

Negotiations break off 3 days before free agency is set to begin

FOOTBALL | NFL labor talks broke off Tuesday three days before the start of free agency, leaving teams and players in a quandary about negotiating new contracts.

Gene Upshaw, executive director of the NFL Players Association, spent the last three days meeting in New York and Washington with commissioner Paul Tagliabue.

"We're deadlocked. There's nowhere to go," Upshaw said. "There's no reason to continue meeting."

The NFL acknowledged the talks had broken off and said no further discussions were scheduled. The league said it would not extend Friday's deadline for the start of free agency.

Although the contract does not expire until after the 2007 season, this is a critical period in the negotiations to extend the 12-year-old agreement.

Talks have been going on for more than a year.

Free agency is scheduled to start Friday. If the deal is not extended, this would be the last year with a salary cap, so agents and team officials want to know how to structure contracts.

For example, if there is no extension, the salary cap is expected to be about \$95 million this season and annual raises after 2006 in a long-term deal would be limited to 30 percent.

If the deal is extended the cap could be \$10 million or more higher.

DAVE GOLDBERG (AP)



Upshaw

TODAY'S TV LINEUP

NBA (7 P.M. ON CSN) The Wizards look to bounce back from their loss to Memphis against the Indiana Pacers.

COLLEGE HOOPS (9 P.M. ON DCA20) Maryland plays its final home game of the season against Miami.

COLLEGE HOOPS (7 P.M. ON ESPN) No. 1 Duke visits Florida State, which could use a

win to help its NCAA Tournament bid.

COLLEGE HOOPS (8 P.M. ON ESPN2) No. 6 Texas invades Texas A&M.

NBA (9 P.M. ON ESPN) The Houston Rockets host the Philadelphia 76ers.

SOCCER (2 P.M. ON ESPN2) The U.S. men's national team plays Poland in Germany.

Tony Kornheiser: Patrick Ramsey will leave the Redskins with a reputation as a class act | **Today's Post, Sports**



SMART TALK: The NFL scouting combine was unkind to ex-Texas quarterback Vince Young. Rumors flew that he got a six on the 50-question Wonderlic test examining intelligence and speed. But Texans GM Charley Casserly debunked those rumors.

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Maryland Centers on Next Season

Gist, Bowers provide hope to Terps in midst of this year's free fall

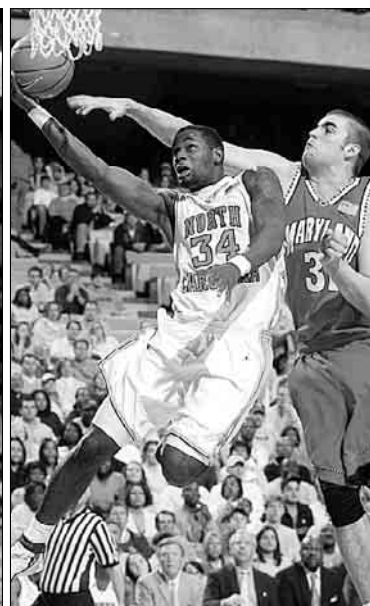
TERPS HOOPS | Once the sky gets dark enough, even that ever-present silver lining is tough to pick out.

Such is the case for the Maryland Terrapins, who have lost seven of their last nine games and now must hope for a miracle of near-Disney proportions to reach the NCAA Tournament. But finding something to be optimistic about for the Terrapins, who host Miami tonight, isn't as hard as you'd think. Just look right under the basket.

That's where sophomore James Gist and junior Will Bowers are quietly giving coach Gary Williams a reason to be feel good about the future. Not so much offensively, where neither is putting up big numbers. But on the defensive side, the two have been giving opposing big men fits for much of the season's second half. It's not a coincidence that Maryland leads the Atlantic



SELF DEFENSE: James Gist, left, has shown some offensive flashes, but mostly he and Will Bowers, right, have demonstrated their defensive skills this season.



Davis Out of His Shell

→ Vernon Davis went to the NFL combine intent on astonishing the NFL's talent evaluators. And the former University of Maryland tight end did just that | **Today in Sports**

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with 153 blocked shots and Gist's 37 are good for sixth in the ACC.

"As long as Coach Williams is telling me the things I need to do to get better, as long as I keep doing that, I think I'll be the player that he wants me to be," Gist said.

Assessing Bowers' play requires a closer inspection. Unlike Gist, he comes off the bench and plays limited minutes when Williams needs some more muscle down low. "My main focus when I go in is to try and shut down the other team's big man and just play good defense, position defense and try to stay out of foul trouble," he said. "[I try to] make it difficult in the post, use my size and my body to keep them out of the lane." **DEREK TURNER**



Sumpter watches Villanova coach Jay Wright discuss the star forward's status.

Sumpter Opts to Redshirt Season Due to Torn ACL

COLLEGE HOOPS | Villanova forward Curtis Sumpter decided Tuesday to take a medical redshirt and sit out the rest of the season.

Sumpter, a second-team All-Big East selection last season, will return to the fourth-ranked Wildcats next year for his senior season.

He tore his anterior cruciate ligament on Oct. 19 and hasn't played this season. It was the second time in seven months Sumpter had surgery to repair the same torn ACL. (AP)

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CHASSIS-T GUT: After a five-year hiatus, the Ram is getting back into the chassis cab market, Dodge announced. The new 3500 series, which will feature the cabs, will also be easy to equip with box replacements, the company

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The Mercedes-Benz S550 is serious about deep pockets' safety

ROAD TEST | In a supply-side economy, rich people are our most precious resource. We may celebrate the Fed's smack-down of Casino Jack Abramoff, but think it through: What about the chefs, nannies, gardeners and fedora makers displaced when one of the wealthy falls?



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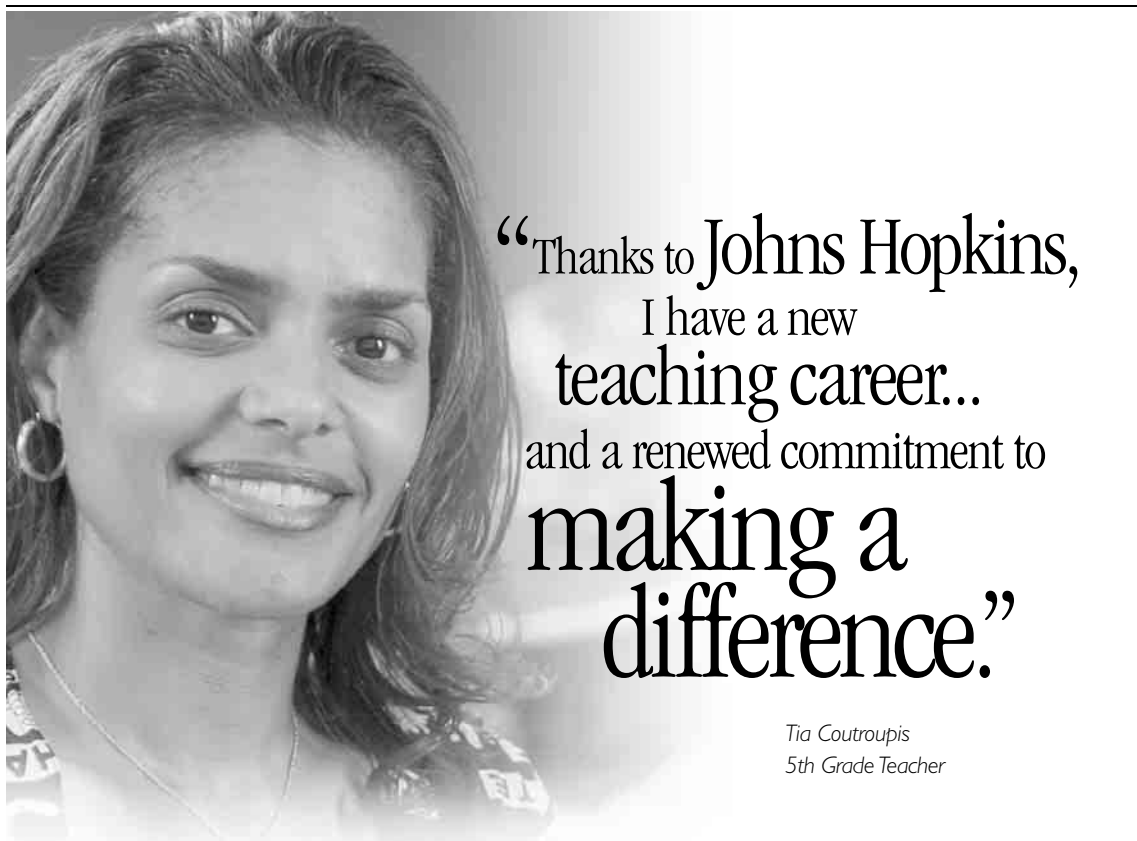
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Auto safety advocates say sloping windshields and low rooflines — more and more prevalent in new car designs — harmfully reduce the driver's field of vision.

To See, Or Not to See

Automakers trending to smaller windows, raising safety doubts

At last check, a car without windows has not yet appeared, but carmakers are trending toward smaller windows that seem to restrict visibility. Models with low rooflines, high sills, sharply sloping windshields, large door pillars and heavy tints are widely offered and — based on hot models such as the Chrysler 300, Nissan's Z and even the Prius — consumers like the look.

But auto safety experts and many consumers say the design trend, along with other features that restrict forward and rearward visibility, are compromising safety.

“We are very concerned about the visibility issue, both sideward visibility and the vertical height of windows, as well as the sweep of the windshield,” said Judie Stone, president of Advocates for Highway and Auto Safety. “There need to be

federal standards.”

The problems Stone lists are well-known to many drivers, particularly those who fall far outside the median heights for men and women.

Miriam Schulman, who is 5 feet tall, says some car designs restrict her visibility, including her husband's prized Saab that she recently dented because its high rear shelf blocked her view when backing up.

“There are models of cars that I would never buy because I can hardly see over the steering wheel,” said Schulman.

Design experts say the trend toward more complete enclosure of passengers enhances a sense of safety and security, which are issues on the minds of many Americans.

“People feel more protected in a vehicle with smaller windows,” said Stewart Reed, chairman of transportation design at the Art Center College of Design in Pasadena. “That is one trend for SUVs. People feel more secure in them.” **RALPH**

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A TALKING-TO: After wishing death upon George W. Bush at a 2004 show in Dublin, singer Morrissey was recently questioned by the FBI, he told New Musical Express. The indie-rock hero claims he is "not a threat to the government."

Entertainment

Man Drowns in Ink!

The incredible true adventures of a former tabloid writer

FALSEHOODS | You plop your can of pork and beans on the checkout belt and move along past the tabloids bleating lurid details of the escapades of this or that starlet.

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"RABID NUN INFECTS ENTIRE CONVENT" or "GRANDMA TURNS DOG INSIDE OUT LOOKING FOR LOST LOTTERY TICKET"

Who, you may ask, writes this bilge? For a while it was Tom D'Antoni.

The 59-year-old said the work wasn't easy and it left a dark mark on him. He also wrote the stories, and, yes, he said, he made it all up. But that didn't bother the tabloid *The Sun*, which bought his work in the mid-1980s.

Some of his best (and, he notes, his worst) are detailed in his book, "Rabid Nun Infects Entire Convent," published by Villard Books.

D'Antoni was doing pre-game broadcasts for the Baltimore Orioles in the mid-1980s. For a time, he was publisher of *Harry*, Baltimore's



MAKING UP THE NEWS: D'Antoni turned his experience in tabloid writing into a book, "Rabid Nun Infects Entire Convent."

underground newspaper.

"I worked for most of the TV stations in Baltimore. I was the jazz and pop music critic for Maryland Public Broadcasting," he said. He worked as a radio talk-show host and, for a few months, "I was the worst television news producer of all time."

He saw the tabloids and figured he could do at least that well.

Some of his stories were on the

lighter side — "NEW GENETIC DISCOVERY CAN MAKE YOUR DOG SMELL LIKE PIZZA." Some others he wishes he hadn't written — "MOTHER BITES OFF OWN TONGUE TO FEED STARVING CHILD IN ETHIOPIAN CAMP."

After some of his darker efforts, he said, he would get a little worried. "I'd think, Jesus, did this come out of ME?"

He moved to Portland, Ore., in

1997 and for now, has no interest in returning to his former craft. But he admires the efforts of those who have followed him, like "AMELIA EARHART'S BARF BAG FOUND IN SOUTH PACIFIC," a story that ran in the *Weekly World News* about two years ago.

Wide credibility was never an issue: "The stuff was written for people who don't think wrestling is fixed." JOSEPH B. FRAZIER (AP)

Taking a Second Chance

South American pop band Miranda earned the right to success

NEW FACES | Argentina's most surprising musical success story of the past year is Miranda. The coed quintet's second album, "Sin Restricciones," is certified platinum in its home country and has spawned three hit singles and even a catch phrase.

Last year, however, Pelo Music president Ruben Aprile seemed to be the only person supporting Miranda.



CHANGING HANDS: One of Argentina's hottest acts also comes with a good story.

The group's story began in 2001 when programmer Alejandro Sergi met singer Juliana Gattas. They clicked and soon recruited guitarist Lolo Fuentes, programming wizard Bruno De Vicenti and bassist

Monoto Grimaldi. Secsy Discos released Miranda's debut album, "Es Mentira," in mid-2003 to good reviews. MTV invited Miranda to perform at the local nomination party for the MTV Video Music

Awards Latin America.

But in December 2004, Aprile bought the album's masters from Secsy Discos and re-released it on Pelo Music. He pushed the first single, "Yo Te Dire" to radio. Sales skyrocketed; soon, Miranda had played two sold-out concerts at the 3,200-seat Gran Rex Theater that were taped for a live album and DVD, "En Vivo Sin Restricciones."

While Miranda's sound can be described as bubble-gum techno-pop, the lyrics go deeper: Topics include depressing holidays, romantic impulses, tortured souls and sexual fantasies.

"Maybe we give teenagers some happiness and fun in a stage of life that is confusing," Miranda's Sergi said. MARCELO BITAR (BILLBOARD)

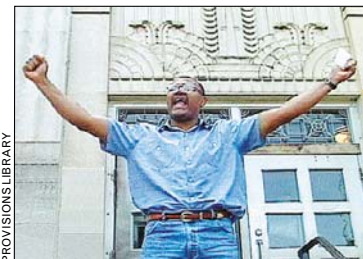
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ANNAPOLIS (PG13) 9:40 PM
BIG MOMMA'S HOUSE 2 (PG13) 1:30, 4:25, 7:05, 9:50
NANNY MCPHEE (PG) 12:50, 5:25, 7:50
BROKEBACK MOUNTAIN (R) 1:00, 4:20, 7:25, 10:25

AMC COLUMBIA MALL 14
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DOOGAL (G) 1:00, 3:20, 5:40, 8:00, 10:15
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BIG MOMMA'S HOUSE 2 (PG13) 4:40, 4:15, 6:50
NANNY MCPHEE (PG) 12:45, 3:10

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WHEN A STRANGER CALLS (PG13) 4:50
BIG MOMMA'S HOUSE 2 (PG13) 5:00, 7:50

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DOOGAL (G) ✓ 2:30, 4:30, 7:00
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FINAL DESTINATION 3 (R) 2:00, 5:55, 8:15
FIREWALL (PG13) 8:00
WHEN A STRANGER CALLS (PG13) 7:00
BIG MOMMA'S HOUSE 2 (PG13) 2:20, 5:25

AMC COUNTRY CLUB MALL 6
Country Club Mall on Vocke Rd near Route 68.
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DOOGAL (G) ✓ 5:45, 7:45
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WHEN A STRANGER CALLS (PG13) 5:35, 8:05

AMC MAZZA GALLERY
Jenifer and Wisconsin
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DOOGAL (G) ✓ 2:40, 5:00, 7:40, 9:40
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SOMETHING NEW (PG13) 2:20, 4:45, 7:05, 9:35
NANNY MCPHEE (PG) 2:10, 4:30, 7:00, 9:25
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MATCH POINT (R) 2:50, 5:40, 8:35

LOEWS GEORGETOWN 14
3111 K Street, N.W.
202-342-6441 821

DOOGAL (G) ✓ 12:10, 2:30, 4:45, 6:55, 9:00
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THE MATADOR (R) 12:20, 2:40, 5:10, 7:35, 9:55
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THE NEW WORLD (PG13) 1:15
MUNICH (R) 12:00, 3:30, 7:05, 10:30
MEMOIRS OF A GEISHA (PG13) 12:25, 3:35, 6:45, 10:05
SYRIANA (R) 1:55, 5:00, 7:55, 10:45

LOEWS WISCONSIN AVE. 6
4000 Wisconsin Avenue, N.W.
202-244-0882 714

RUNNING SCARED (R) 1:30, 4:15, 7:00
DATE MOVIE (PG13) 2:30, 4:40, 7:10
FREEDOMLAND (R) 1:40, 4:10, 6:55
CURIOS GEORGE (G) 2:20, 4:45
FIREWALL (PG13) 2:00, 4:30, 6:50
MUNICH (R) 7:30
BROKEBACK MOUNTAIN (R) 2:40, 6:20

LOEWS WHITE FLINT 5
North Bethesda
310-423-1014 741

TYLER PERRY'S MADEA'S FAMILY REUNION (PG13) 2:00, 4:40, 7:00, 9:25
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THE PINK PANTHER (PG) 2:10, 4:45, 7:15, 9:30
MRS. HENDERSON PRESENTS (R) 2:00, 4:20, 7:00, 9:35
BROKEBACK MOUNTAIN (R) 4:30, 9:45

LOEWS SHIRLINGTON 7
2772 South Randolph
703-671-0910 801

MRS. HENDERSON PRESENTS (R) 2:00, 5:00, 7:20, 9:30
THE THREE BURIALS OF MELQUIADES ESTRADA (R) 1:10, 3:40, 6:20, 9:10
TRISTRAM SHANDY: A COCK AND BULL STORY (R) 1:20, 4:40, 6:50, 9:20
MATCH POINT (R) 1:30, 4:30, 7:10, 9:50
WHY WE FIGHT (PG13) 1:40, 4:20, 6:30, 9:00
BROKEBACK MOUNTAIN (R) 1:00, 4:10, 7:00, 9:40
GOOD NIGHT, AND GOOD LUCK (PG) 1:50
CAPOTE (R) 4:50, 7:30, 10:00

LOEWS DUPONT 5
1350 19th St.
202-872-9555 711

MRS. HENDERSON PRESENTS (R) 5:15, 8:15
MANDERLAY (NR-NOT RATED) 4:30, 7:30
WHY WE FIGHT (PG13) 5:30, 8:30
BROKEBACK MOUNTAIN (R) 4:45, 7:45
CAPOTE (R) 5:00, 8:00

LOEWS FAIRFAX SQUARE 8
8065 Leesburg Pike
703-506-9857 802

MRS. HENDERSON PRESENTS (R) 2:40, 5:20, 7:45, 10:00
THE MATADOR (R) 2:30, 4:50, 7:10, 9:50
MATCH POINT (R) 2:05, 4:45, 7:35, 10:05
TRANSAMERICA (R) 2:20, 4:40, 7:30, 9:45
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CAPOTE (R) 2:10, 4:45, 7:00, 9:35

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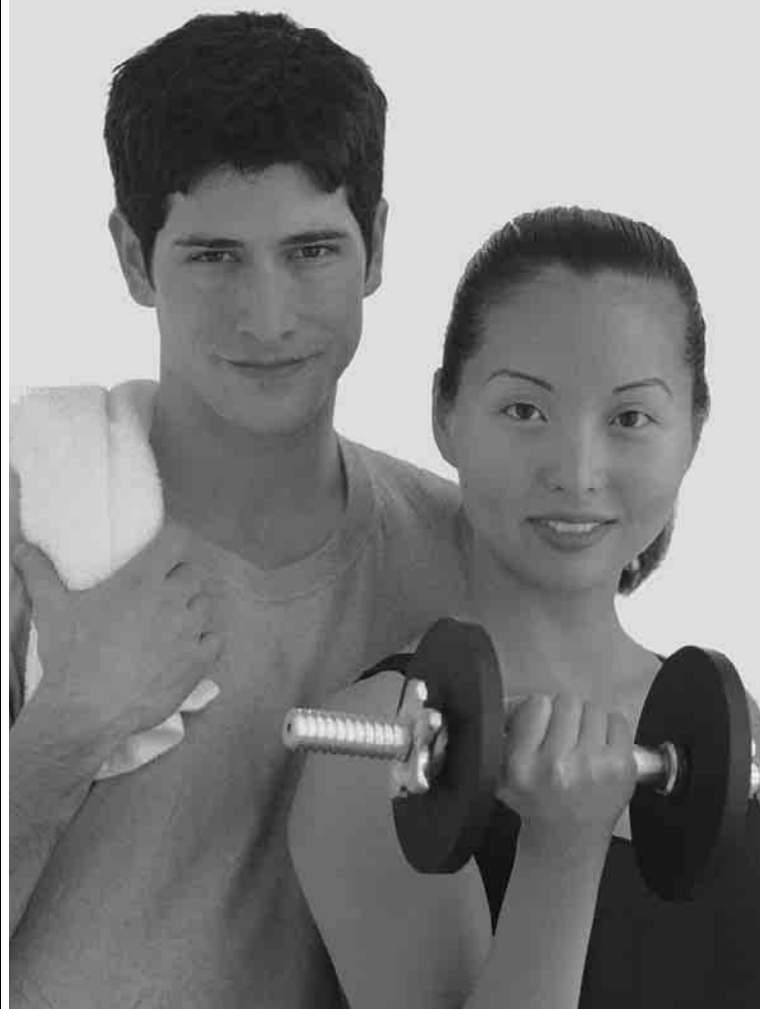
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RUNNING SCARED (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (110 435) 735 1025
EIGHT BELOW (PG) DIG (410) 950
DATE MOVIE (PG-13) DIG (1215 1245 230 330 445 540) 800 940
FREEDOMLAND (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (120 440) 725 1005
FIREWALL (PG-13) DIG (1205 235 505) 740 1020
FINAL DESTINATION 3 (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (1240 310 545) 815 1035
THE PINK PANTHER (PG) DIG (1220 300 535) 755 1015
WHEN A STRANGER CALLS (PG-13) DIG 1010
SOMETHING NEW (PG-13) DIG (1200 225 455) 730 955
BIG MOMMA'S HOUSE 2 (PG-13) DIG (1225 255 515) 750 1025
THE THREE BURIALS OF MELQUIADES ESTRADA (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (130 430) 745 1030
OC & DA: EIGHT BELOW (PG) DIG (1250) 710

BALLSTON COMMON STADIUM 12

Glebe Rd, Arlington 800-FANDANGO 377#
MADEA'S FAMILY REUNION (PG-13) DIG (130 210 430 505) 735 805 1010 1035
RUNNING SCARED (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (1255 345) 730 1030
EIGHT BELOW (PG) DIG (135 215 435 510) 725 810 1025
SECOND CHANCE (PG-13) DIG (115 340) 720 950
CURIOUS GEORGE (G) DIG (125 335) 715
MATCH POINT (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (105 400) 645 1000
BROKEBACK MOUNTAIN (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (100 405) 710 1015
CAPOTE (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (110 355) 655 955
DATE MOVIE (PG-13) DIG (120 200 350 425) 650 740 930 1005
WHEN A STRANGER CALLS (PG-13) DIG 935

BOWIE STADIUM 14

15200 Major Lansdale Blvd 800-FANDANGO 454#
DOOGAL (G) DIG (215 500) 735 945
MADEA'S FAMILY REUNION (PG-13) DIG (125 140 205 405 420 445) 645 700 725 925 940 1005
RUNNING SCARED (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (100 405) 700 955
EIGHT BELOW (PG) DIG (110 415) 720 1015
DATE MOVIE (PG-13) DIG (505) 1020
FREEDOMLAND (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (100 410) 715 1005
FIREWALL (PG-13) DIG (130 420) 730 1010
FINAL DESTINATION 3 (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (210 455) 800 1030
THE PINK PANTHER (PG) DIG (145 435) 700 935
CURIOUS GEORGE (G) DIG (135 430) 725
WHEN A STRANGER CALLS (PG-13) DIG 955
SOMETHING NEW (PG-13) DIG (445) 750 1025
NANNY MCPHEE (PG) DIG (205)
BIG MOMMA'S HOUSE 2 (PG-13) DIG (120 355) 705 940

BETHESDA 10

7272 Wisconsin Avenue 800-FANDANGO 569#
DOOGAL (G) DIG (130 430) 740 940
MADEA'S FAMILY REUNION (PG-13) DIG (1250 405) 725 1000
RUNNING SCARED (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (110 415) 730 1010
EIGHT BELOW (PG) DIG (1255 355) 715 1000
DATE MOVIE (PG-13) DIG (125 425) 735 945
FREEDOMLAND (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (100 400) 720 1005
FIREWALL (PG-13) DIG (120 420) 700 940
THE PINK PANTHER (PG) DIG (105 410) 710 935
CURIOUS GEORGE (G) DIG (115 350) 655
MRS. HENDERSON PRESENTS (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (105 350) 650
SYRIANA (R) - ID REQ'D DIG 920
930

POTOMAC YARD STADIUM 16

3575 Jefferson Davis Hwy 800-FANDANGO 690#
MADEA'S FAMILY REUNION (PG-13) DIG (1140 1210 150 220 250 355 425 455 525) 630 700 730 800 905 935 1005 1035
DOOGAL (G) DIG (1250 300 510) 720 925
RUNNING SCARED (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (155 445) 740 1030
EIGHT BELOW (PG) DIG (1130 130 230 420 520) 710 810 1000
DATE MOVIE (PG-13) DIG (1155 210 435) 700 920 950
FREEDOMLAND (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (1120 205 500) 750 1040
FIREWALL (PG-13) DIG (125 400) 650 930
FINAL DESTINATION 3 (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (200 435) 710 945
THE PINK PANTHER (PG) DIG (1200 225 450) 715 940
CURIOUS GEORGE (G) DIG (1150 215 440) 705
SOMETHING NEW (PG-13) DIG (1215 245 515) 745 1015
NANNY MCPHEE (PG) DIG (115)
BIG MOMMA'S HOUSE 2 (PG-13) DIG (145 410) 645 910

COUNTRYSIDE STADIUM 20

45980 Regal Plaza 800-FANDANGO 394#
DOOGAL (G) DIG (1210 240 500) 720 930
MADEA'S FAMILY REUNION (PG-13) DIG (1145 130 230 430 530) 730 830 1020
RUNNING SCARED (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (115 415) 745 1035
EIGHT BELOW - DIGITAL PROJECTION (PG) DIG (120 420) 710 1000
EIGHT BELOW (PG) DIG (1140 1220 220 320 520) 620 820 910
DATE MOVIE (PG-13) DIG (1150 1250 210 310 450 550) 750 850 1025

UA SNOWDEN SQ STADIUM 14

9161 Commerce Ctr Dr 800-FANDANGO 570#
DOOGAL (G) DIG (200 445) 715 945
MADEA'S FAMILY REUNION (PG-13) DIG (1245 145 330 430) 700 745 945 1030
RUNNING SCARED (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (1245 345) 700 950
EIGHT BELOW (PG) DIG (1230 130 315 415) 630 730 930 1030
DATE MOVIE (PG-13) DIG (500) 1025
FREEDOMLAND (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (100 345) 715 1000
FIREWALL (PG-13) DIG (100 400) 745 1020
FINAL DESTINATION 3 (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (145 445) 800 1015
THE PINK PANTHER (PG) DIG (1230 130 315 415) 630 730 915 1015
CURIOUS GEORGE (G) DIG (115 400) 645
SOMETHING NEW (PG-13) DIG 800 1025
NANNY MCPHEE (PG) DIG (115 430)
BROKEBACK MOUNTAIN (R) - ID REQ'D DIG 915
OC & DA: DATE MOVIE (PG-13) DIG (200) 815

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RUNNING SCARED (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (1230 335) 710 955
EIGHT BELOW (PG) (1235 340) 700 1005
EIGHT BELOW (PG) DIG (100 440) 750 1025
DATE MOVIE (PG-13) DIG (1220 240 500) 740 940
FREEDOMLAND (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (1240 435) 715 955
FIREWALL (PG-13) DIG (1205 225 505) 800 1025
FINAL DESTINATION 3 (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (1205 220 435) 650 920
THE PINK PANTHER (PG) DIG (1205 235 500) 735 1005
CURIOUS GEORGE (G) DIG (1210 245 510) 740
SOMETHING NEW (PG-13) DIG 1000
BIG MOMMA'S HOUSE 2 (PG-13) DIG (1215 225 455) 730 945

FAIRFAX TOWNE CENTER 10

4110 W Ox Road 800-FANDANGO 670#
DOOGAL (G) DIG (200 420) 730 940
MADEA'S FAMILY REUNION (PG-13) DIG (110 150 345 430) 700 740 950 1020
RUNNING SCARED (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (120 410) 720 1015
FREEDOMLAND (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (145 425) 725 1005
FINAL DESTINATION 3 (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (140 415) 705 945
CURIOUS GEORGE (G) DIG (130 350) 715 930
SOMETHING NEW (PG-13) DIG (115 340) 645 920
MATCH POINT (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (105 355) 655 1000
CHRONICLES OF NARNIA (PG) DIG (100 400) 710 1010

GERMANTOWN STADIUM 14

20000 Century Blvd 800-FANDANGO 455#
MADEA'S FAMILY REUNION (PG-13) DIG (115 200 415 500) 715 800 1015
DOOGAL (G) DIG (1215 230 445) 700 930
RUNNING SCARED (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (100 410) 710 1000
EIGHT BELOW (PG) DIG (1245 145 345 445) 705 745 1000
DATE MOVIE (PG-13) DIG (1205 130 240 400 450) 710 750 940 1020
FREEDOMLAND (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (1240 410) 720 1010
FIREWALL (PG-13) DIG (100 400) 740 1020
FINAL DESTINATION 3 (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (1220 230 500) 730 950
THE PINK PANTHER (PG) DIG (1215 245 510) 745 1015
CURIOUS GEORGE (G) DIG (1200 220 440) 700
WHEN A STRANGER CALLS (PG-13) DIG 920
BIG MOMMA'S HOUSE 2 (PG-13) DIG (110 355) 650 930

MANASSAS STADIUM 14

11380 Bulloch Drive 800-FANDANGO 490#
DOOGAL (G) DIG (1145 210 420) 735 935
MADEA'S FAMILY REUNION (PG-13) DIG (1220 1250 310 340) 700 730 940 1010
RUNNING SCARED (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (105 400) 720 1005
EIGHT BELOW (PG) DIG (1200 100 300 350) 640 710 925 1000
DATE MOVIE (PG-13) DIG (1135 155 330 405) 645 750 905 1025
FREEDOMLAND (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (1230 320) 655 945
FIREWALL (PG-13) DIG (1240 335) 715 945
FINAL DESTINATION 3 (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (1150 215 430) 800 1015
THE PINK PANTHER (PG) DIG (1210 225 440) 740 955
CURIOUS GEORGE (G) DIG (1130 200 410) 650
WHEN A STRANGER CALLS (PG-13) DIG 915
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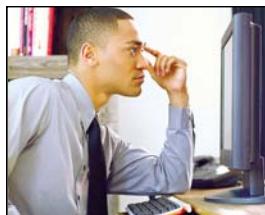
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Historic Hip-Hop Haul

The Smithsonian announces a plan to preserve rap's past

LEGACY | For nearly three decades, hip-hop relics such as vinyl records, turntables, microphones and boom boxes have collected dust in boxes and attics.

On Tuesday, pioneering artists Afrika Bambaataa, DJ Kool Herc, Grandmaster Flash, Fab 5 Freddy and others announced in New York that they were turning them over to the Smithsonian's National Museum of American History.

The museum announced its plans to embark on a collecting initiative, "Hip-Hop Won't Stop: The Beat, The Rhymes, The Life."

"It's here to stay, and it's part of American culture just like jazz is part of American history," said Valeska Hilbig, a National Museum spokeswoman.

The project will collect objects that trace hip-hop's origins in the Bronx in the 1970s to its current



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DELICIOUS VINYL: The Smithsonian will collect relics of hip-hop's history.

global reach. It is expected to cost as much as \$2 million and take up to five years to complete.

Museum officials have yet to raise the money, which will come from private donors. They plan to use the funds to pay for artifacts, record oral histories, hold consultations with advisory groups and mount an exhibit telling hip-hop's story.

Besides records, boom boxes,

mics and turntables, museum curator Marvette Perez requested photographs, posters, handwritten lyrics, clothing and costumes, videos and interviews and business and personal letters from hip-hop's early artists.

Hip-hop impresario and Def Jam label founder Russell Simmons called the Smithsonian's recognition a "great statement for hip-hop."

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THEIR GEESE ARE COOKED: Gordon Ramsay, the British chef with Satan's people skills, returns to roast culinary wannabes in a second season of Fox's "Hell's Kitchen." This delicious reality competition returns in June.

Television

ON TV TONIGHT

SHE'S HARDLY SNOW WHITE

How did Nicole Linkletter ever become **AMERICA'S NEXT TOP MODEL** (8p.m., UPN)? We never recovered from Miss Jay saying she looked one of the Seven Dwarfs. ("Lucky," maybe.) Tonight, "ANTM" trails her on a Paris photo shoot.

BABY STEPS

LOST (9 p.m., ABC) Claire retraces her steps to the place Baby Turniphead was kidnapped; meanwhile, Jack and Locke are still holding "Henry Gale from Minnesota"—coughOthercough—prisoner.

MAKE IT WORK

PROJECT RUNWAY (10p.m., Bravo) The final three scurry. Santino's antics make for great TV, but Daniel V., will you make us some space pants?



TILT: Geeks are always cuter when almost upside-down and in pairs.

THE REAL DEAL

SCIENCE OF THE BIBLE: RIVALS OF JESUS
(10 p.m., National Geographic)
Apparently, the "Monty Python's Life of Brian" version of faith and propheteering in Jesus' youth was fairly accurate.

ARION BERGER (EXPRESS)

A Slacker's Guide

Fox's 'Free Ride' takes a funny look at post-college laziness

DEBUT | Nate spent his time wisely while off at school in California. He surfed and drank beer.

Now he has returned to tiny Johnson City, Mo., while he ponders his postgraduate options ("I don't want to rush into anything") and crashes with his parents.

Unfortunately, Nate's parents have turned it into a gym.

"I'll sleep on the couch," he proposes. "The couch is not an option," his mom shoots back.



YOUR ROOM? WHAT ROOM? Nate (Josh Dean) and his folks re-negotiate.

"I'm sleeping on the couch," explains his father.

So it goes on "Free Ride," a goofy new Fox comedy premiering tonight at 9:30 p.m..

Nate (Josh Dean) is mildly chagrined at the prospect of frittering away his life in the hometown he thought he had escaped. On the other hand, he's still smitten with lovely Amber (Erin Cahill), his former high-school fantasy girl and now a bank teller. Who's engaged.

For now, Nate's companion instead is rambunctious muscle-head Mark (Dave Sheridan), who once chugged motor oil as a party stunt and now brags about it.

"Free Ride" is a cautionary tale for the chronically unmotivated. Fortunately, it comes with laughs too. **FRAZIER MOORE (AP)**

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LOCAL CHANNELS	WRC	4 News		NBC Nightly News	Access Hollywood	Deal or No Deal (N) 1	Law & Order "Acid" 1	Law & Order "Choice of Evils" (N) 1	News	News	Geraldo at Large	Friends 1	
	WTTG	5 Seinfeld	The Simpsons 1	The Simpsons 1	Seinfeld 1	American Idol Male semifinalists perform. (N) 1	Free Ride						
	WJLA	7 News	ABC Wld News	Wheel of Fortune	Jeopardy! (N)	Annual Academy	Freddie (N)	Lost "Maternity Leave" (N) 1	(:03) Barbara Walters Special (N) 1	News		(:35) Nightline	
	WUSA	9 News	CBS News	9News Tonight	Ent. Tonight	Still Standing (N)	Still Standing (N)	Criminal Minds "Unfinished Business"	CSI: NY "Fare Game" (N) 1	News		Late Show	
	WDCA	20 That '70s Show	That '70s Show	Friends 1	Every-Raymond	America's Next Top Model (N)	College Basketball Miami at Maryland. (Live)				Veronica Mars "Ahoj Matesy" 1		
	WMPT	22 The NewsHour With Jim Lehrer (N)	Business Rpt.	Artworks-Week	Windsor Castle: A Royal Year (N)	In Search of Ancient Ireland	Monty Python's Personal Best (N)	Monty Python's Personal Best (N)	Monty Python's Personal Best (N)	Independent Lens "Girl Wrestler" 1			
	WETA	26 BBC World News	Business Rpt.	The NewsHour With Jim Lehrer (N)	Windsor Castle: A Royal Year (N)	The Diana Conspiracy 1	Monty Python's Personal Best (N)	Monty Python's Personal Best (N)	BBC World News	Tavis Smiley 1	Charlie Rose MK Narayanan. (N) 1		
	WBDC	50 Steve Harvey	The Parkers 1	My Wife and Kids	Bernie Mac	One Tree Hill (N) 1	Beauty and the Geek 1	Bernie Mac	My Wife and Kids	Sex and the City	Will & Grace 1		
BASIC CABLE	A&E	American Justice 1	Cold Case Files	Bounty Hunter	Bounty Hunter	Bounty Hunter	Bounty Hunter	Spying on Myself	Spying on Myself	Crossing Jordan "Family Affair" 1			
	Animal	The Crocodile Hunter Diaries	The Most Extreme	Horse Power: Road to the Maclay (N)	Little Zoo That Could (N)	Animal Precinct	Horse Power: Road to the Maclay						
	BET	106 & Park: BET's Top 10 Live	Access Granted	The Parkers 1	The Parkers 1	The Corner 1	In Living Color 1	In Living Color 1	In Living Color 1	In Living Color 1			
	Bravo	Project Runway "Flower Power"	Project Runway "Makeover" 1	Project Runway "What's Your Line"	Project Runway "Reunion" 1	Project Runway (N) 1	Project Runway 1						
	Comedy	(5:00) "Look Who's Talking Now"	Com.-Presents	Reno 911! 1	Daily Show	Colbert Report	Chappelle's Show	South Park 1	South Park 1	Drawn Together	Daily Show	Colbert Report	
	Court	Forensic Files	Forensic Files	Cops 1	Cops 1	Texas SWAT	Texas SWAT	Forensic Files	Forensic Files	Psychic Detect	Psychic Detect	Las Vegas Law	Parco P.I.
	Discovery	Cash Cab	Cash Cab	Extreme Engineering	Supershops Powerful ships. (N)	MythBusters "Cooling a Six-Pack"	MythBusters "Penny Drop" 1	Dirty Jobs "Chimney Sweeper" 1					
	DISCH	Paramedics "Southern Comfort"	Trauma: Life in the ER 1	Plastic Surgery Beverly Hills 1	Plastic Surgery: Before and After	Rebuild: The Human Body Shop (N)	Plastic Surgery Beverly Hills 1						
	Disney	Sister, Sister 1	Zack & Cody	Phil of the Future	That's So Raven	"Now You See It..." (2005, Adventure) Alyson Michalka, Johnny Pacar. 1	Life With Derek	Sister, Sister 1	Zack & Cody	That's So Raven			
	E!	Goldie & Kate: True Hollywood Story	E! News (N)	E! News	Dr. 90210 "Action!"	Dr. 90210 "Tattoos and Twins"	Girl Next Door	Number 1 Single	Saturday Night Live 1				
	FX	King of the Hill 1	King of the Hill 1	That '70s Show	That '70s Show	★ "Above the Law" (1988, Drama) Steven Seagal, Henry Silva. Premiere.	★ "Phone Booth" (2002, Suspense) Colin Farrell.	Above the Law					
	HGTV	Renovation	Wknd Warriors	Curb Appeal	House Hunters	Kitchen Trends	I Want That!	Buy Me (N) 1	Cash in the Attic	House Hunters	What You Get	Dream House	FreeStyle
	Family	7th Heaven "Here We Go Again" 1	Smallville "Transference" 1	★ "Karate Kid II" (1986, Action) Ralph Macchio, Noriyuki "Pat" Morita, Martin Kove. 1	★ "Touched" (2005, Romance) Jenna Elfman, Randall Batinkoff. 1	Will & Grace 1	Will & Grace 1						
	History	Conspiracy? "Lincoln Assassination"	Modern Marvels "FBI's Crime Lab"	Modern Marvels "Glue" 1	Modern Marvels "Sewers" 1	Modern Marvels "Bathroom Tech"	Six Degrees of Francis Bacon 1						
	Lifetime	The Golden Girls	The Golden Girls	★ "The Soul Collector" (1999) Melissa Gilbert, Bruce Greenwood. 1	★ "Touch" (2005, Romance) Jenna Elfman, Randall Batinkoff. 1	Will & Grace 1	Will & Grace 1						
	MTV	Parental Control	Room Raiders (N)	Direct Effect 1	MTV's The Shop	MTV's The Shop	True Life "I'm a Competitive Eater"	True Life "I'm on Trial by Fire" (N) 1	The Real World "Key West" 1				
	NICK	Ned's School	Danny Phantom	Fairly Oddparents	Jimmy Neutron	SpongeBob	All Grown Up 1	Full House 1	Fresh Prince	Roseanne 1	Roseanne 1	Roseanne 1	The Cosby Show
	SCI FI	Stargate SG-1 "Grace" 1	Ghost Hunters 1	Ghost Hunters 1	Ghost Hunters 1	Ghost Hunters "Myrtle's Plantation"	Ghost Hunters New England homes.	★ "The Uninvited" (1996) 1					
	SPIKE	World's Wildest Police Videos 1	CSI: Crime Scene Investigation 1	CSI: Crime Scene Investigation 1	★ "The Principal" (1987) James Belushi. An urban high-school principal fights campus crime.	UFC 58							
	TBS	Seinfeld 1	Seinfeld 1	Every-Raymond	Every-Raymond	Every-Raymond	Every-Raymond	Sex and the City	Sex and the City	(:10) "Getting Played" (2005) 1			
TLC	Martha (N) 1	Mysteries of Noah's Flood 1	Noah's Ark: The True Story 1	Psychic Witness "Betrayal" (N)	Psychic Witness "Overkill" (N)	Noah's Ark: The True Story 1							
TNT	Charmed "Little Box of Horrors" 1	Law & Order "Hubris" 1 (DVS)	★ "Armageddon" (1998) Bruce Willis, Billy Bob Thornton, Liv Tyler. A hero tries to save Earth from an asteroid. 1	★ "Armageddon" (1998) Bruce Willis.									
USA	(4:30) ★★ "Training Day" (2001)	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit 1	Law & Order: Criminal Intent 1	Law & Order: Criminal Intent 1	Law & Order: Criminal Intent 1	Law & Order: Criminal Intent 1	Law & Order: Criminal Intent 1	Law & Order: Criminal Intent 1	Law & Order: Criminal Intent 1	Best of Web Junk			
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SPORTS	ESPN	SportsCenter (Live) 1	College Basketball Duke at Florida State. (Live) 1	NBA Basketball Philadelphia 76ers at Houston Rockets. From Toyota Center in Houston. 1	SportsCenter								
	ESPN2	Mike and Mike	Around the Horn	Interuption	Season Weekly	College Basketball Texas at Texas A&M. (Live) 1	College Basketball Utah at Texas Christian. (Live) 1						
	CSN	Knockouts	SportsNite 1	NBA Basketball Indiana Pacers at Washington Wizards. From MCI Center in Washington, D.C.	Wizards Post.	SportsNite (Live) 1	Maryland	Best-Sports					
NEWS	CNN	Lou Dobbs Tonight 1	The Situation Room	Paula Zahn Now 1	Larry King Live 1	Anderson Cooper 360 1	On the Record-Van Susteren	The O'Reilly Factor					
	FNC	Special Report (Live) 1	The Fox Report With Shepard Smith	Countdown With Keith Olbermann	Rita Cosby Live & Direct	Scarborough Country	The Situation With Tucker Carlson						
	MSNBC	The Abrams Report	Hardball 1										
MOVIES	AMC	(5:45) ★★ ★★ "In the Heat of the Night" (1967) Sidney Poitier. 'NR'	★ ★ "50 First Dates" (2004) Adam Sandler. 'PG-13' 1	★ ★ ★★ "GoodFellas" (1990, Crime Drama) Robert De Niro, Ray Liotta, Joe Pesci. 'R' 1	★ ★ "Patton" (1970, Biography) George C. Scott. Gen. George S. Patton fights World War II. 1	★ ★ ★★ "The Bridges at Toko-Ri" (1954, Drama) William Holden. 'NR'	★ ★ ★★ "From Here to Eternity" (1953, Drama) Burt Lancaster. 'NR'	★ ★ ★★ "The Spy Who Loved Me" (1977) 'PG' 1					
	TCM	(5:30) ★★ ★★ "Strike Up the Band" (1940, Musical) Judy Garland. 'NR' 1											
	HBO	Do You Believe in Miracles?											
	MAX	(4:40) ★★ ★★ "Ray" (2004) 1 'PG-13'	★ ★ ★★ "National Treasure" (2004, Adventure) Nicolas Cage, Hunter Gomez. 1 'PG' 1	★ ★ ★★ "Van Helsing" (2004) Hugh Jackman. A monster hunter battles creatures in Transylvania. 1	★ ★ ★★ "Bad Santa" (2003) 'R' 1								
	SHOW	(5:45) ★★ "No Looking Back" (1998) Lauren Holly. 'R'											
	TMC	Against Ropes	(:25) ★★ "The Big Empty" (2003) Jon Favreau. 'R' 1	★ "Teaching Mrs. Tingle" (1999) Helen Mirren. 'PG-13'	(:45) ★ "Halloween: The Curse of Michael Myers" (1995)	(:15) ★★ ★★ "Monster" (2003) 1 'R'							
	STARZ!	(4:35) G.I. Jane 'R'	(:45) ★★ "National Treasure" (2004, Adventure) Nicolas Cage, Hunter Gomez. 1 'PG' 1	★ ★ ★★ "Patton" (1970, Biography) George C. Scott. Gen. George S. Patton fights World War II. 1	★ ★ ★★ "Bad Santa" (2003) 'R' 1								
ENCORE	(:15) ★★ "Ella Enchanted" (2004) Anne Hathaway, Carv Elwes. 1 'PG' 1												

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Preservation

Brewmaster's manse in Dupont Circle has an unknown future

Visitors to the Brewmaster's Castle near Dupont Circle in Washington will find some old German proverbs painted on the wall of the cellar breakfast room.

"He who has never been drunk is not a good man," is the translation for one.

"There is room in the smallest chamber for the largest hangover," is another.

Although the sayings might evoke the ambiance of a neighborhood bar, the Brewmaster's Castle is actually an opulent 31-room Victorian mansion completed in 1894 and filled with antiques, chandeliers and fine craftsmanship.

It was built for a German immigrant, Christian Heurich, an extremely successful brewer whose beer was served to presidents in an era when beer was as local as fresh-baked bread. The mansion, designed to resemble Bavarian castles in Germany where Heurich's parents had been household workers in the early 1800s, is now open

to the public as a museum.

But the castle's future is uncertain. Unless \$250,000 is paid by March 15 on a mortgage for the building, it will be sold and converted into an office, restaurant or embassy.

"In a Victorian building that's being used for modern purposes,

"This became known as the house that beer built."

GARY HEURICH
FRIENDS OF THE CASTLE

what you're going to see is no different than what you'd see in any square office building," said Jane Freundel Levey, a historian with Cultural Tourism D.C., which promotes more than 70 museums in the city.

Heurich's grandson, Gary, heads an organization called Friends of the Castle that is trying to raise funds to save the mansion as a museum. Some \$70,000 had been donated toward the \$250,000 by mid-February, including \$9,000 raised at a Valentine's Day fundraiser. Heurich said the public's response has been "extraordinary."

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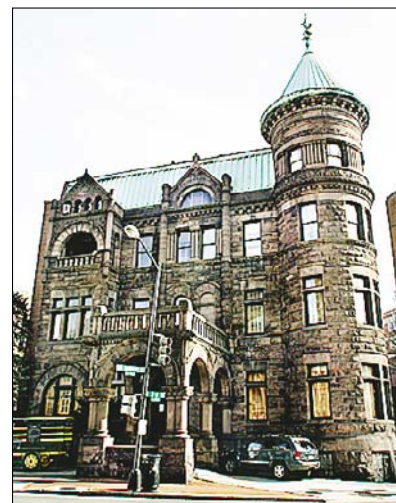
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LAGER LAIR: Victorian style and furnishings have been preserved in Dupont Circle's Heurich House, which is open to public — unless it is sold later this month.



Castle Bock

He added that his grandfather "dominated the Washington-area brewing scene. He ran the brewery from 1873 until he died at 102 in 1945."

Washington is a government town, so Christian Heurich sold beer, ale and lagers under a "Senate" brand label. His beer and fermented apple cider were sold to the White House as late as 1918, and his Senate products were among the only local brands to

bounce back after Prohibition was repealed in 1933.

"Somebody had to brew the beer for the federal workers, so this became known as the house that beer built," said Heurich.

Visitors who tour the mansion today can see its 15 onyx and marble fireplaces, all framed by hand-carved mantels, along with ceilings hand-painted in pastel colors by craftsmen who worked at the White House and

the Capitol. There are antiques, a 1901 Steinway grand piano, and porcelain plumbing fixtures. The walls of some rooms are decorated with bronze fleur de lis designs, and an onyx and marble staircase leads to the second floor.

"It is the story of an immigrant success," said James M. Vaughan, vice president of the National Trust for Historic Preservation.

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All Years Longwood

Gardens

Famed Pa. arboretum celebrates centennial with floral festivities

Tall palm fronds reach through the balmy air toward the sunlight, just yards from fuzzy ferns dripping with humidity and an exotic fruit garden where kumquats grow in bright orange bursts.

Just another winter's day in Kennett Square, Pa.?

It is for visitors at the historic Longwood Gardens, where guests this year are being treated to a year-long birthday party.

Longwood is turning 100, and although the official anniversary isn't until July, visitors will be celebrating with every new bud that comes to bloom — both indoors and out.



GEORGE WIDMAN/AP

"The main theme for the centennial is layers," said spokeswoman Amy Shearer. "It's structured to give everyone the opportunity to enjoy the festivities many times throughout the year."

The first layer is the plant life itself. Longwood will host eight horticultural displays throughout the year, corresponding roughly with the different seasons of flora.

That way, even in winter and



Kanakanui orange blossoms are one of many varieties of flowers at the Longwood Gardens conservatory, which is celebrating its 100th anniversary this coming July.

early spring, when most of the trees are still bare, visitors can enjoy the best the gardens have to offer.

A "Welcome Spring" display, running through April 7 and housed in Longwood's four acres of heated greenhouses, provides

visitors all the midyear blossoms that the outside world will have to wait months to see.

Indeed, it's easy to forget the blustery weather outside when surrounded by the spring tulips, lilies, daffodils and, thankfully,

spring temperatures, in the conservatories.

An ardor for arboreal is what inspired industrialist Pierre S. du Pont to purchase an arboretum that would later become Longwood Gardens. He bought it to save trees he knew were otherwise headed for the sawmill, and in the century since its purchase, du Pont's land has blossomed into a 1,050-acre expanse.

Longwood's 20 indoor and 20 outdoor gardens attract about 800,000 visitors a year.

This year, those visitors will also be able to partake in some special birthday revelry.

Centennial events make up the second layer of celebrations — from child-friendly family days in March to a day for seniors in early April.

During the clematis celebration in March, Raymond Evison, an authority on the flowers, will coax them to grow out of season, in trained baskets, up obelisks and around spiral frames.

For Mother's Day weekend, May 12-14, orchid vendors from throughout the United States and South America will arrive at Longwood for a judged orchid show and symposium. ALISON LAPP (AP)

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Styles

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Form *Vs.* Function

At Fashion Week, theory met practicality

CONCEPT CLOTHING FACED OFF against real-world dressing on the Paris catwalk on Monday, as Dutch duo Viktor & Rolf deconstructed the cocktail dress while French designer Isabel Marant offered trendy clothes for women on the go.

Marant has refined a brand of effortless cool that has made her a favorite of boho Parisians and Hollywood stars like Kirsten Dunst. "I don't make manifesto fashion, I make fashion I want to wear, above everything, and it's true that I like to be comfortable in my clothes," the designer said after her autumn-winter ready-to-wear show.

For fall, she suggested layering a slinky cream satin dress over a black polo neck. And why not add a thick knit hat and chunky socks worn with T-strap shoes?

PARIS
Runway
REPORT

A shiny cream shirt worn with a waistcoat and gray flannel pants seemed to come straight from the wardrobe of British actress Sienna Miller. Even a pink metallic prom dress was dressed down with an oversized wool scarf and legwarmers.

Marant is one of a rising generation of young female designers — from Frida Giannini at Gucci to Ivana Omazic at Celine — with their finger on the pulse of women's wardrobe needs.

"In the 1980s and in recent years, it was about showing off and being overtly sexy, but I think there are many women who are not trophy women and who have an active lifestyle and need real clothes," she said.

Viktor & Rolf have never been about real clothes. During the first decade of their partnership, they captivated fashion editors and museum curators with creations such as mushroom-shaped outfits inspired by atomic explosions.

Though they have since set out to capture a mainstream audience, their catwalk shows continue to border on performance art.



IN THE BLACK: French designer Isabel Marant paired a number of her tops with a simple black turtleneck, but then, she is beloved by Bohemian fashionistas. Other looks: Black leather opera gloves with a puffed-sleeve tee; legwarmers with formal party shoes.



FACE OFF: Worried about how to hide that huge zit at prom? A lattice-work face mask of braided acrylic hair is just the thing. It was center stage at the Viktor & Rolf show in Paris, along with some seriously weird cocktail dresses.

Guests gathered in a tent in the Tuileries gardens watched models emerge in fencing-style masks that turned out, on closer inspection, to be made from latticed braids of acrylic hair.

The outlandish accessory was the starting point for a reflection on bourgeois sophistication, as variations on the little black dress were set off with fishnet tights and high heels.

The twin-like designers paid homage to Yves Saint Laurent with a satin shirtdress with a wide belt tied into a bow. Huge silver roses and oversized ruffles provided a vivid counterpoint to the sea of black chiffon, wool and satin.

Inspired perhaps by their recent collaboration with Italian rainwear and outerwear specialist Allegri, the duo embellished a classic beige trench with silver lame trimming or rows of belts around the sleeves.

If that sounds wearable enough, the finale was pure theater. A model emerged in a stiff silver bustier dress with a lampshade skirt, looking just like a ballerina figure on a music box.

JOELLE DIDERICH (AP)

Fragrance



A Floral That's Not Too Flowery

Floral scents seem to be all the rage for spring. Into the garden comes **INCANTO CHARMS** from Ferragamo (\$40 for 1 ounce, Sephora). The eye-catching bottle contains a scent for someone looking to be girly without smelling like a bridesmaid's bouquet. The honeysuckle-jasmine blend is laced with a fruity top note, which cuts the sweetness, while musk adds sexiness. While the staunchly anti-flower still won't like it, those looking to trade in a heavy winter scent now have an option for spring. KRISTEN PAGE-KIRBY (EXPRESS)

Beauty

This Is Not a Clearasil Stick

"Healing concealers" evoke horrid memories of chalky, goopy, unsubtle "tinted acne medication." But Revlon's new **COLORSTAY BLEMISH CONCEALER** (\$9) works to heal pimples without erecting the cosmetic equivalent of a "HUGE ZIT HERE" sign on your face. It's .5 percent salicylic acid, so it dries out the little buggers about a day faster than they'd go away on their own. We did have to reapply a few times a day to maintain coverage, so the "lasts all day" claim isn't so much "true" as "hopeful." K.P.K.



LOOK out

Voices



Baggage Check

ANDREA BONIOR, PH.D.

Gain Weight, Lose Joy?

Over the past few years, I have put on a significant amount of weight. My lifestyle got more sedentary and I developed a junk-food habit. My problem is with people who treat me like my weight is indicative of something wrong. My family assumes I'm not happy. Why can't a girl just be overweight? I think it's a form of discrimination. —A WOMAN OF SIZE

Yes, discriminating against someone for how she looks is absolutely wrong, but what you're talking about is people who love you having concerns about your lifestyle and health. Set aside the weight issue and think about whether the last few years have really been as happy for you as before. The truth is, a "junk food habit" isn't just made of Ho-Hos and Funyuns — it could indeed be linked to fatigue, stress, loneliness, boredom or anxiety. It can also be code for a serious bingeing problem that packs quite an emotional wallop. And lack of physical activity is not so great for the spirit. You are allowed to be any weight you want, and deserve to love your body no matter what its size and to be loved for who you really are. But it's that real person whom your

family is concerned about.

My husband has an anger management problem, and he refuses to seek counseling. The littlest things set him off, like spilled coffee or running out of shampoo. If I know he's had a particularly bad commute, I stay in a different part of the house until he cools off. He says he's always been like this so it's up to me to get used to it. —VIRGINIA WIFE

You're hiding in your own home from a husband who values coffee and shampoo more than marital peace. Yikes.

His refusal to get help might be fine for himself. But the two of you are together in this marriage, and one of you is hurting (and possibly scared — call 1-800-799-SAFE if you ever fear for your safety). He either cares about that or he doesn't. If he does, he should agree to go to counseling with you. You can try to pave the way by asking him to go with you to an appointment, and by focusing on your feelings rather than accusing him of bad behavior. Even if he refuses to go, or takes forever to accompany you, counseling can help you in the meantime.

Send your mental health and emotional wellness questions to Andrea Bonior, Ph.D. at baggage@readexpress.com. This column is not a substitute for one-on-one care.

Letters

Leave Semester at Sea Alone

AS AN AVID supporter of study abroad programs, I was saddened to read Monday's article in Express that the University of Virginia was "questioning the academic integrity of a program that allows students to study abroad a cruise ship."

As a 1997 Semester at Sea alum, I can without reservation say the semester I spent at sea was the most memorable and unforgettable three months of my entire four

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I urge those who are "questioning the academic integrity" of Semester at Sea to reconsider their decision and allow accreditation to students who wish to participate in this program. In doing so, they are allowing cultural diversity and exchange among all who are curious about their world.

—KIM BOHINCE
Washington, D.C.

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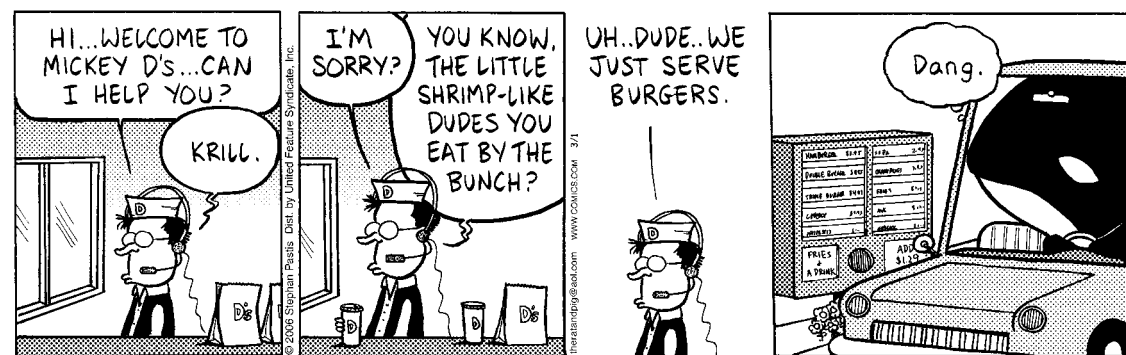


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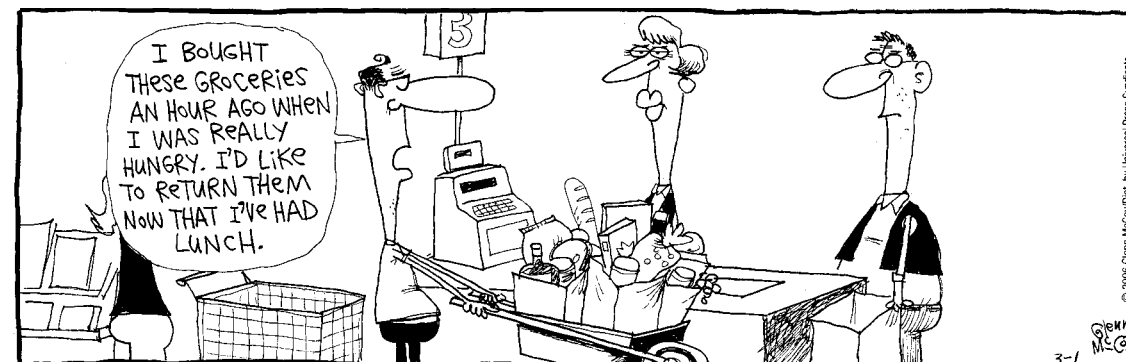
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Horoscope

By Stella Wilder

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) It's not indecision, it's unusual care you're taking. You don't want to do anything prematurely. Wait before setting anything in stone.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Take care that you don't put someone off simply because your approach is a little too aggressive. Try to be a little more relaxed, casual.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) You may be traveling far more than usual, and you'll want to be ready for a change of plans when you least expect it.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) You may not be allowed to do things exactly your way, but with a small adjustment you should be able to get results notwithstanding.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) You'll be attracted by everything from the ordinary to the outrageous. What really counts, however, is your willingness to explore.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Don't skip over the preliminaries; it's important that

you explore every aspect of your current endeavor — even at the outset.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) You're always willing to fight for what is right, and a cause deserves your 100-percent dedication. Make a plan and stick to it.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) You're likely to get a big surprise if you expect everyone to respond to you in the same way. Someone is sure to break the mold.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) Your memory may be challenged by someone who claims to know better than you just what went on in the distant past. Take a look back.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) Someone you know well will be after a little more than you've been offering recently. Try a few simple variations when you're ready.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) A surprise is in store, and you'd better be prepared to face a fast-arriving development as well as a past error returned to haunt you.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) Feel free to change your mind not once, not twice, but even three times. You'll find that others will be more than patient at this time.

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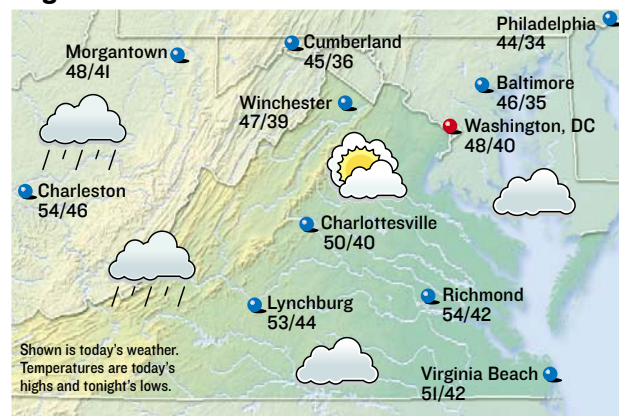


DO transfer at **Retro Cement**. Once you've memorized the Metro map, it gets kind of dull — which is why anagrams help inject a little flavor into the daily commuting routine, i.e., take the Red Line toward Harvey's Dog to get to Icy Squid Jar, nyuk nyuk! Check out one anagrametro map at genecowan.com.

5 Day Forecast for the Washington Area

Today	Tonight	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Increasingly cloudy	Mostly cloudy, a little rain	Variably cloudy, a shower, warmer	Mostly sunny, brisk, colder	Mostly sunny, brisk, chilly	Partly sunny
48°	40°	60° / 36°	47° / 30°	45° / 28°	45° / 30°

Regional Weather



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Almanac

Washington, D.C., through 4 p.m. Tues.

Temperature

High	45°
Low	33°
Normal high	50°
Normal low	33°
Average humidity	46%

Precipitation

24 hours ending 4 p.m.	Trace
Month to date	2.46"
Normal month to date	2.63"
Year to date	5.71"
Last year to date	4.94"
Normal year to date	5.84"

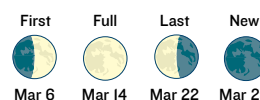
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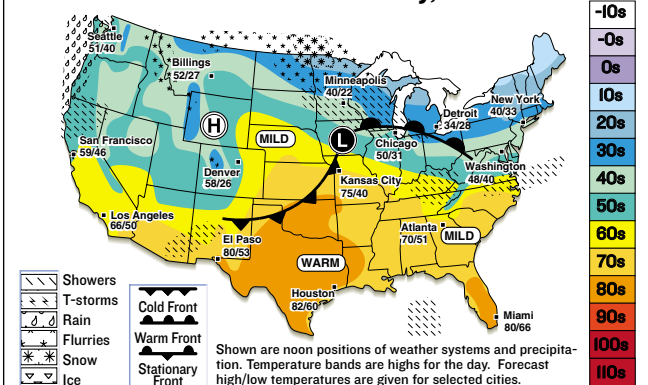
D.C. Metro: Today, increasingly cloudy. High 48. Wind west 7-14 mph. Tonight, mostly cloudy, a little rain. Low 40. Wind light and variable.

Sun and Moon

Sunrise today	6:41 a.m.
Sunset tonight	6:01 p.m.
Moonrise today	7:39 a.m.
Moonset today	8:20 p.m.



National Weather for Wednesday, March 1



National Cities

City	Today	Thur.
Atlanta	70/51/s	71/48/p
Boston	32/22/pc	32/25/sn
Chicago	50/31/c	44/24/pc
Dallas	81/57/pc	69/52/t
Denver	58/26/pc	54/28/s
Honolulu	79/69/c	81/67/sh
Los Angeles	66/50/s	64/50/pc
Miami	80/66/s	82/67/s
New York City	40/33/pc	44/30/r
Orlando	80/56/s	82/60/s
Seattle	51/40/r	56/38/c

World Cities

City	Today	Thur.
Amsterdam	38/33/s	39/32/sf
Athens	60/46/pc	60/52/sh
Berlin	32/24/sf	31/18/pc
Buenos Aires	77/64/pc	73/65/c
Calgary	19/6/pc	17/6/sn
Dublin	43/32/pc	43/32/pc
Geneva	35/25/sn	37/31/sf
Moscow	16/7/pc	15/14/sn
Rome	52/44/pc	52/41/r
Sydney	75/64/pc	75/63/pc
Tokyo	45/37/r	46/37/r

s-sunny, pc-partly cloudy, c-cloudy, sh-showers, t-thunderstorms, r-rain, sf-snow flurries, sn-snow, i-ice.

LOOK out People



Katie saves her acting for Tom, usually.

MYSTERIOUS Cruise Has Projectionist's Union in His Back Pocket

Jason Reitman says a projection error — not Tom Cruise, as some have suggested — was responsible when a **KATIE HOLMES** sex scene went missing during “Thank You for Smoking” at the Sundance Film Festival. Of the Cruise rumor, he said: “That’s a fun story.” (AP)

REVELATIONS

A Timely Reminder: Stars Are People, Too

“Grey’s Anatomy” star **PATRICK DEMPSEY** says his childhood wasn’t



so McDreamy: He wasn’t diagnosed as being dyslexic until he was 12 years old. “I think it’s made me who I am today,” says Dempsey in an interview on “The Barbara Walters Special” that airs Wednesday. (AP)



SURPRISE!

‘Hey, Y’all, Beads!’

BRITNEY SPEARS spent part of Mardi Gras with a group of students whose lives were upended when Hurricane Katrina devastated the area six months ago. Spears, 24, spoke to “Good Morning America” Tuesday of her recent “surprise” meeting with four students from Metairie, a suburb of New Orleans. The girls had sat down to breakfast with a City Council member, thinking they were to discuss the effects of Katrina. Then Spears walked in. “It was awesome. I will never forget it,” said 14-year-old Lindsay Hernandez, who lived with 21 relatives and friends after her home was destroyed. (AP)

SLOW NEWS DAY When U.S. Celebs Are Boring, We Turn to Pete

PETE DOHERTY has been arrested again, on suspicion of stealing a car and possessing hard drugs, British police said. Doherty, the troubled 26-year-old frontman of the group Babyshambles and ex-boyfriend of Kate Moss, was among three men arrested in Birmingham on Monday



night following a report of a vehicle being stolen in London, West Midlands Police said. All were released on bail. Earlier this month, Doherty was sentenced to 12 months of community service for possessing drugs. He pleaded guilty to the charges on Jan. 27. The maximum sentence for possession of Class A drugs such as heroin and cocaine is seven years in prison. (AP)

THE LAW

Master P in Court

A day after appearing on the “Dancing With the Stars” finale, **MASTER P** headed to court in Los Angeles Monday where a judge ordered the hip-hop mogul and his younger brother to stand trial on

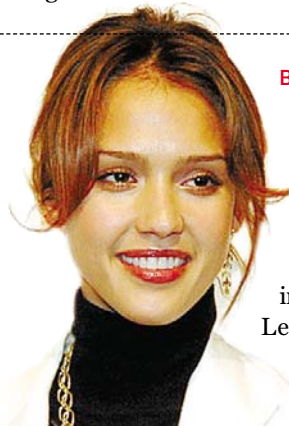


weapons charges. Master P, 38, and his brother Vyshonn Miller, 30, were arrested last month for carrying unregistered guns. (AP)

BIZARRO WORLD

Alba Beats ‘Brokeback’ Cowboy

JESSICA ALBA received a Thumbs Up! in the 11th annual Hackademy Awards, given by scenemaking.org. She played one of the few non-smoking characters in “Sin City,” and her characters also didn’t smoke in “Into the Blue” and “Fantastic Four.” Heath Ledger, however, earned a Thumbs Down! award for his portrayal of a Marlboro-smoking cowboy in “Brokeback Mountain.” (EXPRESS)



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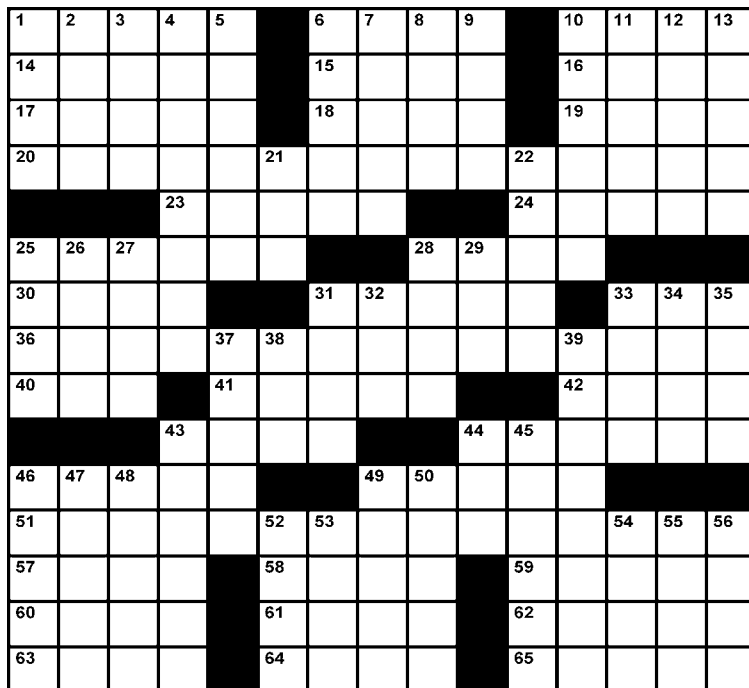
1 Flat fixer
6 It can come after no one or someone
10 Argument
14 Hilo hello
15 Acquires in the end
16 Day part
17 Museum item
18 Potassium and sodium hydroxides
19 Cato's year
20 Start of a sailor's warning
23 Like poltergeists
24 Licenses
25 Handles a grounder
28 Accelerates, as an engine
30 Man Friday, e.g.
31 Stage presence
33 Wee way
36 Pacino drama
40 Dim sum dip
41 Heroine of Wagner's "The Flying Dutchman"
42 Spumante source
43 Start of a whispered comment, perhaps
44 Tickled
46 Idolize
49 Choice words
51 One-time title for Billy Crystal
57 "___ Flux"
58 Egyptian port
59 More aloof
60 Chew the fat

61 Holder of notions

62 Quarter back
63 When Brutus struck
64 Tasse or god starter
65 Viscous mud

DOWN

1 Wife number VI for Henry VIII
2 Out of harm's way, nautically
3 Wasn't discreet
4 Like a manly chin
5 Broke through security code, e.g.
6 Chou ___
7 Philippine invasion site
8 Stalk of bananas
9 Old pump sign
10 It's given in November
11 Ancient Greek region
12 Comical
13 Exodus plague
21 They go by fast (Abbr.)
22 Name for a dog, perhaps
25 Passing fancies
26 MC, numerically?
27 Uptight
28 Hayworth of film
29 Suffix with Vietnam
31 Be affected by a long run, perhaps



32 Regularly, to a rhymester
33 "Friends" character
34 Mall bag
35 Wife of Geraint
37 Worthwhile thing
38 Certain definitive response
39 Maritime
43 Monkeyshines
44 Not a picky specification
45 They're all tender

46 Violinist's heirloom
47 Await with trepidation
48 "___ Mio"
49 Abhorrence
50 Armbones
52 No longer mint
53 Mortgage consideration
54 Leslie Caron film
55 Place for a leader
56 Your family is part of one

Yesterday's Solution



Today in History

1781 The Continental Congress adopted the Articles of Confederation.

1790 Congress authorized the first U.S. Census.

1864 Rebecca Lee became the first black woman to receive an American medical degree, from the New England Female Medical College in Boston.

1872 Congress authorized creation of Yellowstone National Park.

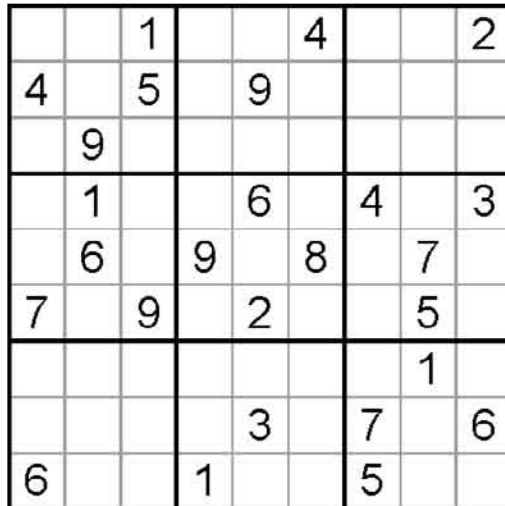
1932 20-month-old Charles A. Lindbergh Jr., the son of Charles and Anne Lindbergh, was kidnapped from the family home near Hopewell, N.J. (Remains identified as those of the child were found the following May.)

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